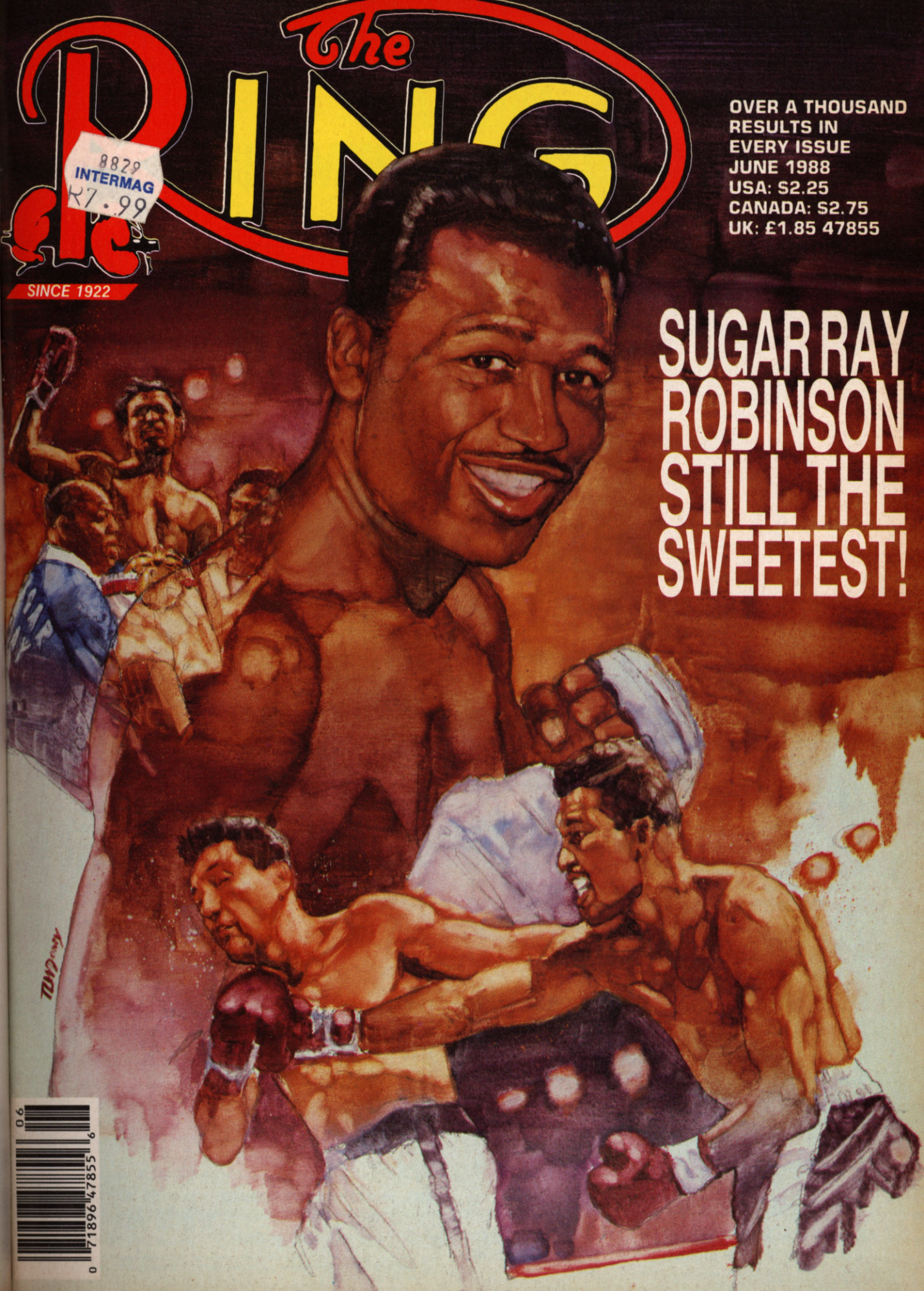
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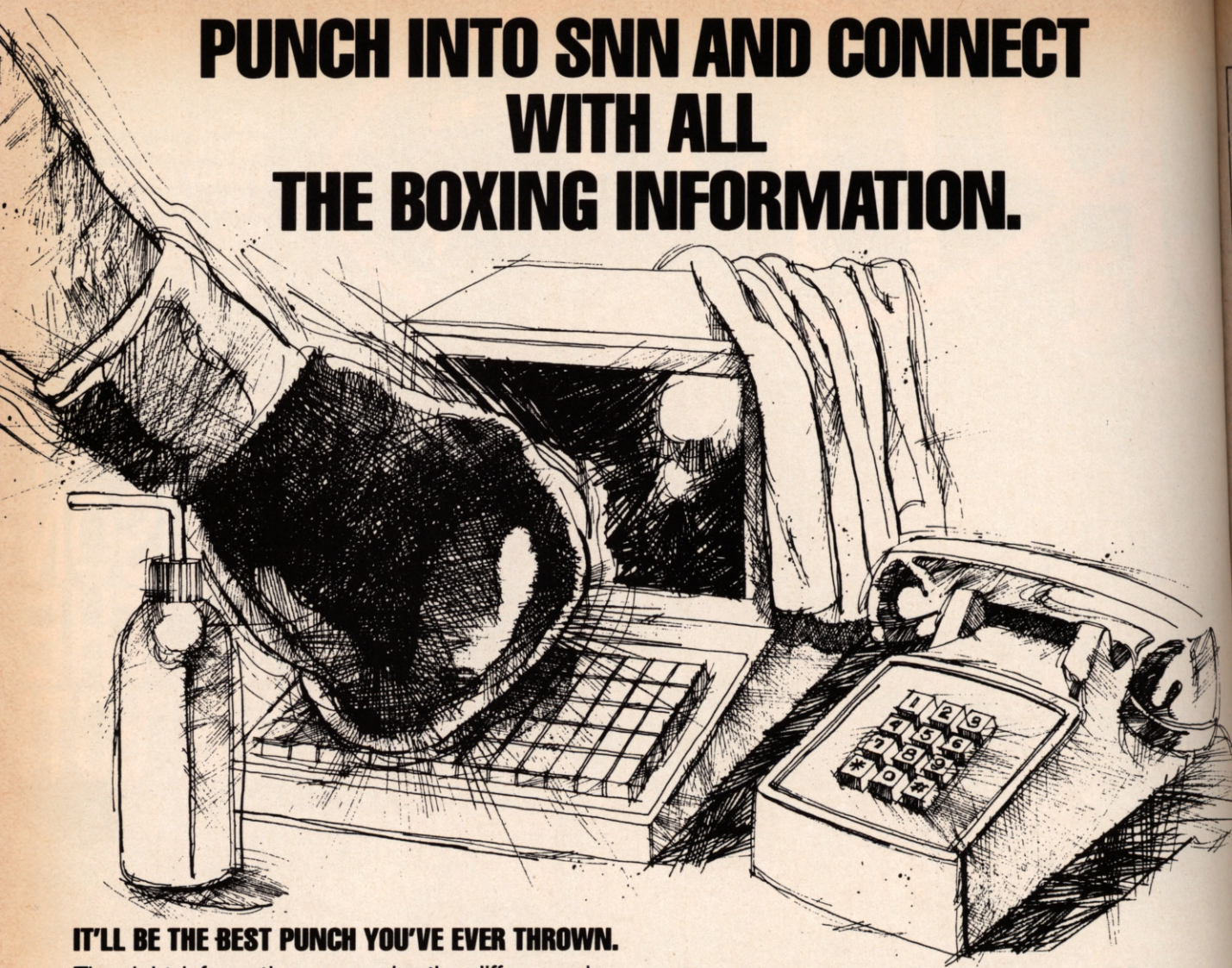

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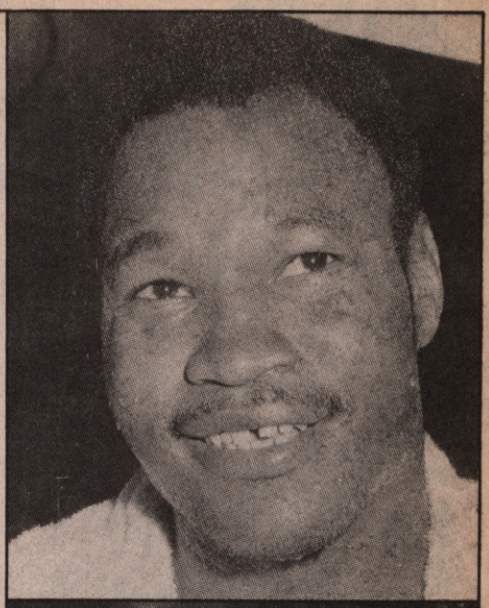

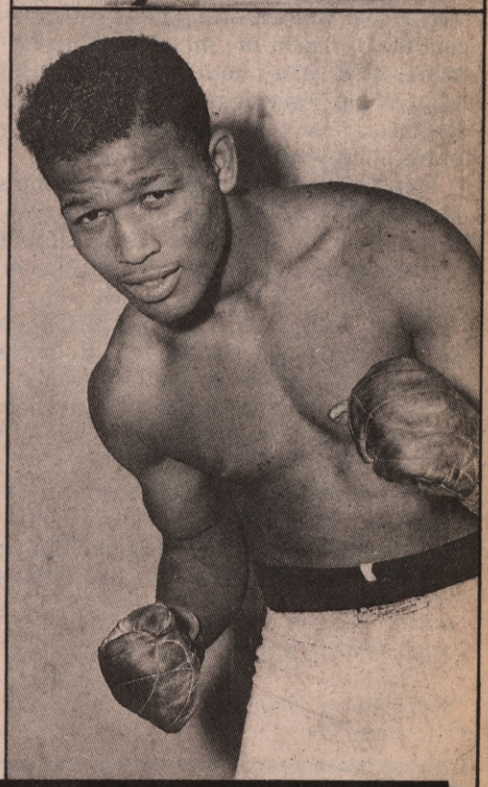

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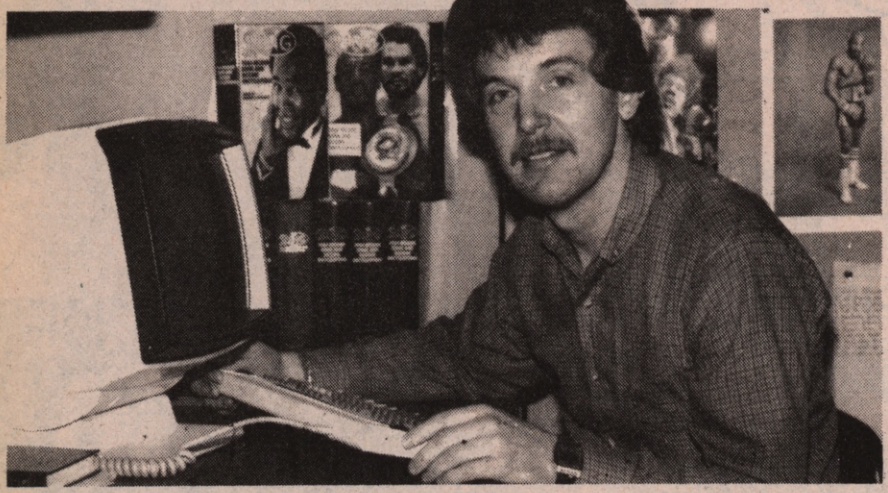

Like many youngsters, my love of the sweet science was inherited from my father and grandfather. Though they taught me to respect any man with the courage to step between the ropes and engage in one-on-one combat, like most of us they had their favorites. But when they talked of Joe Louis or Sugar Ray Robinson, Dad and Grandad spoke in the kind of reverential terms usually reserved for the gods. Even a snotty-nosed 10-year-old understood the "Brown Bomber" and "Sugar Ray" were something very special.

By the time I started to follow boxing closely, Louis was retired and Robinson was in the twilight of his fantastic career. I recall the frustration of watching him try to regain the middleweight title from Paul Pender. It wasn't a pretty sight, and it wasn't until I saw films of Robinson in his prime that I understood what all the fuss was about. To say he was brilliant would be an understatement. Robinson wasn't the kind of fighter who comes along once in a lifetime. Boxers of his ability come along once. Period!

I recall my mixed emotions when Robinson came to my home town of Philadelphia in 1965 (his last year in the ring) to box one Harvey McCullough. I knew it would be my last chance to see Robbie in action, but I didn't want to sully my memories by seeing a shell of this once unparalleled fighting machine. To this day, I'm glad I stayed home.

A few years later, I got my first in-person glimpse of Robinson when he attended the Emile Griffith-Gypsy Joe Harris match at the Spectrum. I'll never forget the spontaneous standing ovation Robinson received as he made his way to his ringside seat; 15,000 fans on their feet screaming their lungs out for a man who hadn't even been introduced. It was a lump-in-the-throat experience I'll never forget.

The recent years haven't been too kind to Robinson. His health has deteriorated and his nickname has been borrowed by so many pretenders, some young fans think Ray Leonard is the original. But true boxing fans know the truth: There has never been another quite like Robinson and there probably never will be.

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Come Out Writing

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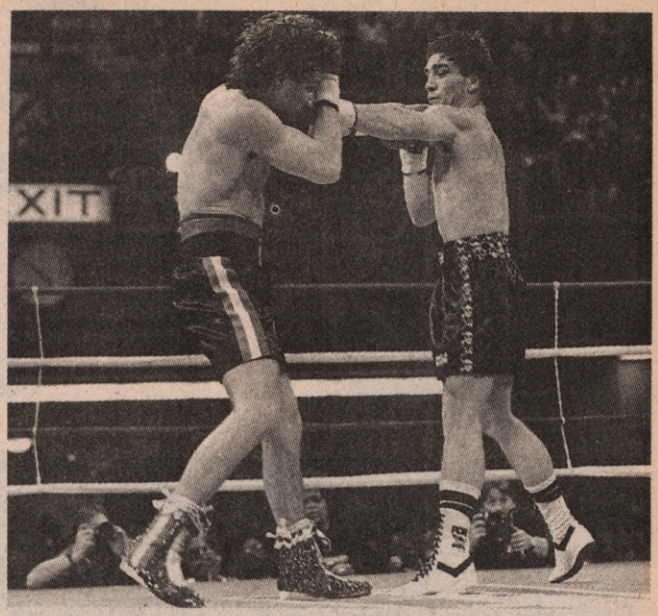


Readers Scott Anderson and Frank A. Murano voice their opinions on the Greg Haugen-Vinny Pazienza rematch in this month's "Come Out Writing."

A TRIO OF TYSON TIRADES

LARRY HOLMES ENDURED HARSH and unjust criticism throughout his brilliant career, and, for the most part, stood tall against it. Mike Tyson has endured nothing but fawning flattery.

No more! Tyson complains of being held "by sissies" — yet it takes two to tango. Over and over, Tyson bombs from outside, ducks inside and clinches. During the clinches, his head is on his opponent's chest, his arms around their midsection, thus no infighting. One reason Tyson lost to Tillman in the amateurs was because they don't allow bulling and wrestling (in amateur bouts).

Compare Tyson with films of Frazier and Marciano and see for yourself how Rocky and Joe kept their hands free inside so they could punch.

Of course, as long as Tyson is winning, people will ignore his lack of infighting ability as they also ignore his butts, low blows, holding and hitting, hitting on the break and hitting after the bell. But then, winning is everything. Right?

BOYD COFER
Los Angeles, CA

I FEEL I MUST WRITE THIS LETTER IN defense of Mike Tyson because I'm sick of the rubbish that's written regarding Tyson and Michael Spinks. Tyson was busy in '87 and did a great deal for boxing. Spinks' only major "happening" was against washed-up Gerry Cooney, who was trying to prove he could box like Richard Dunn. Give Mike Tyson credit because before he came along the heavyweight division was a bunch of fat guys who nobody was interested in.

GARY MERRILL
Sheffield, England

I KNOW IT SOUNDS HORRIBLE TO suggest, but I think Mike Tyson is better than Muhammad Ali in his prime. I don't think Ali could have withstood a pounding like "Iron Mike" dishes out. Ali had great defensive skills, but Tyson seems totally invincible! Has he ever been hurt?

ERNIE SHILL
Ft. Worth, TX

READER'S DREAM FIGHT

I WAS JUST READING AN ARTICLE IN *The Ring's* February '88 issue entitled "The Desired Dozen: 12 Fights *The Ring* Would Like To See In 1988." My dream fight would be WBC bantam champion Miguel "Happy" Lora versus WBC super bantam champ Jeff Fenech. Here's my prediction:

The strong, aggressive Fenech will take the fight to the counterpunching wizard, Lora. Lora will be happy to box Fenech at mid-ring and along the ropes. He will give Fenech a boxing lesson. Lora will taste a few of the Australian's power punches, but will win the super bantamweight title on a close decision.

DONALD FRANK
San Jose, CA

HAUGEN MORE THAN "JUST A CLUB FIGHTER"

AFTER WATCHING GREG HAUGEN decisively beat Vinny Pazienza and win back the IBF lightweight title, I wanted to express my respect for his performance. After watching him being robbed of his title by a hometown decision, Greg was criticized and tabbed "nothing more than a club fighter." Those who said Paz won were wrong because Haugen dominated the early rounds and made Pazienza's face a bloody mess. In the rematch, Haugen used his superior jab and counterpunching to dominate the fight. This time he would not be denied the victory. He broke Paz Man's nose and cut up his face again. Greg can beat just about anyone in the lightweight division. So here's to Haugen, the only true "tough guy" to wear the IBF championship belt.

SCOTT ANDERSON
Crescent City, CA

PAZ SHOWED CHAMPIONSHIP HEART IN DEFEAT

AS AN ACQUAINTANCE OF VINNY Pazienza, I felt compelled to write this letter. I always knew Vinny was a nice kid with tremendous ability, but he showed me something else losing to Greg Haugen — the heart of a champion. Haugen was a better man in their rematch and deserves all the respect in the world for his almost flawless performance. But without a doubt, Vinny will be back as a lightweight challenger or a junior welterweight champ, because there are two words which do not exist in his vocabulary: fear and quitting!

FRANK A. MURANO
Westerly, RI

Round One

By Phill Marder

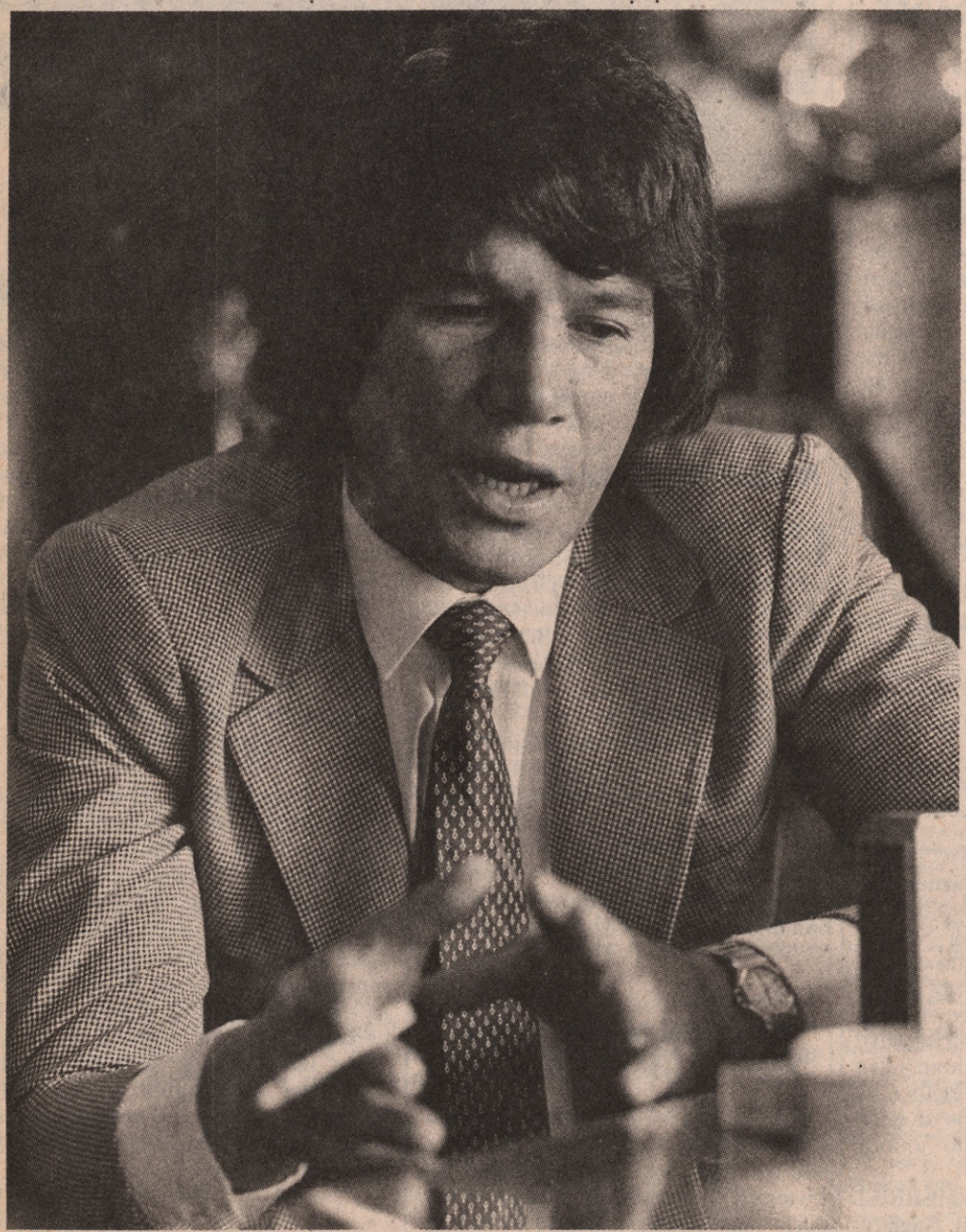
MONZON IN TROUBLE

Former middleweight great **Carlos Monzon**, the subject of a recent in-depth interview in *The Ring* and the runner-up in this month's rating of the middleweight champions, has been accused of murdering his estranged wife, Alicia Muniz.

Muniz, a part-time actress, died when she fell from a second-floor apartment balcony at Mar Del Plata, Argentina. Monzon was hospitalized with two broken ribs and a broken clavicle.

The 45-year-old Monzon worked in real estate, movies and modeling since quitting the ring and has kept his fists in boxing as a trainer and adviser.

Muniz was his third wife.



Former middleweight champion Carlos Monzon has been charged with the murder of his third wife, ballerina Alicia Muniz, in Buenos Aires.

A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN

Congratulations and best wishes to **Mike Tyson** and his bride **Robin Givens.**

The 21-year-old holder of the WBC, WBA and IBF heavyweight titles and the 22-year-old actress were wed in Chicago, then again in New York. Seems they forgot to get a license for the first go-round, or something like that, and they had to do it again. But who's going to argue with Mike Tyson?

Tyson's co-manager Jim Jacobs was not completely surprised by the sudden strike by Cupid. Tyson had been dating Givens since November, 1986 when he knocked out Trevor Berbick to win the WBC title. On the contrary, Jacobs indicated Tyson had been considering surrender for a while.

The marriage took place just prior to Mike's leaving for Japan to fight Tony Tubbs or Jose Ribalta, or somebody. Mrs. Tyson was expected to keep her hubby company.

NBC SPELLS RELIEF

What a pleasure it was listening to NBC's telecast of the **Darrin Van Horn-John Munduga** fight.

Watching the telecast was fun, too, as Van Horn's fights are usually crowd-pleasers, and this was no exception.

NBC's Ferdie Pacheco (above) and Marv Albert received high grades from Phill Marder for their coverage of the Darrin Van Horn-John Munduga bout.

Round One

But the commentary of **Ferdie Pacheco** and **Marv Albert** was the key, cutting through the hype and fog that permeates boxing's atmosphere. Each was quick to point out Van Horn's faults in the many instances the 19-year-old exposed them. And each was quick to note the effectiveness of Munduga, though Van Horn is the obvious network draw.

And when Pacheco found out that he had been fed bad information concerning Munduga's recent lack of activity, he was quick to inform the listeners and supplied the corrected info.

The best part of the commentary was what was not said, however. At no point do I recall either Pacheco or Albert mentioning the WBA, WBC or IBF, though Van Horn appears in their ratings. And you probably never even missed them.

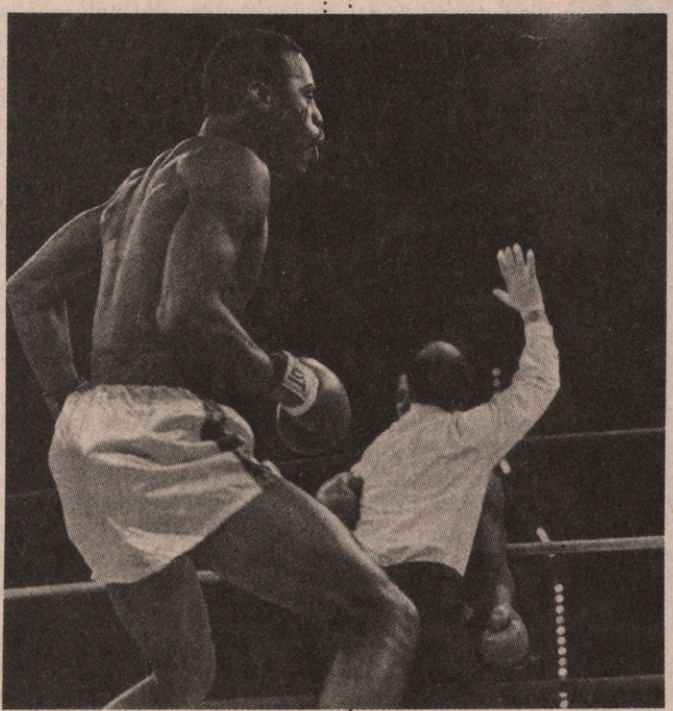
A perfect show, it wasn't, though. There is one small quibble. NBC billed the bout as a junior middleweight contest. If there is such a creature as a junior middleweight, he is supposed to weigh no more than 154 pounds. Munduga and Van Horn each weighed 157. When do you become a middleweight?

ONE FROM THE GIPPER

Ronald Reagan was unable to attend the unveiling ceremony of the statue of **Joe Louis**, which now sits in front of Detroit's Cobo Arena. But Reagan did send a message, portions of which follow:

"... Joe Louis, the son of an Alabama sharecropper, became the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world and held the title for 20 years. (Ah, excuse me, Mr. Chief Executive, sir. That was 12 years. 12.) In the opinion of many, the beloved Brown Bomber was the best heavyweight boxer ever ... Joe's boxing prowess is legendary, but the tremendous affection he enjoyed from the public had as least as much to do with the strength of his character as it did with the talent of his hands. Joe had a quiet dignity that immediately earned the respect and admiration of all who came in contact with him. During World War II, he and I, both in the Army, were ordered to appear in the movie, 'This Is The Army.' To work with such a legend was a thrill, but even more to work with this quiet, thoughtful patriot was an honor and a privilege. We became friends, and I treasure the time together to this day. ..."

What a guy, that Reagan. I'll tell you. If he ever runs for President, he's got my vote!



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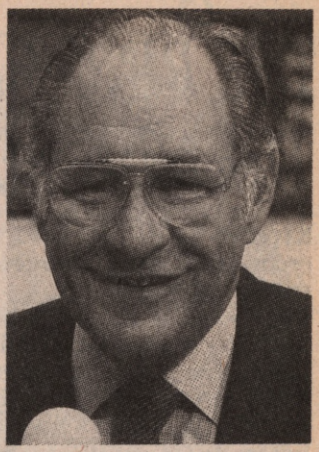
ROSIN DUST

Alfred Ortogero of Wahiawa, Hawaii was 67 years old. He coached boxing for the city's Parks and Recreations Department since the early 1970s. He served as regional chairman of the



USA/Amateur Boxing Federation/Hawaii Association. He was also a millionaire. Ortogero won first prize, a cool million, in McDonald's Treasure of Diamond Head game. Unfortunately, one of his pupils, Stuart Rothman, reports Ortogero, who suffered from heart ailments, passed away shortly after. Rothman praised Ortogero's work, noting that he took some of his money and bought a van to take his boxers to meets ... Tanzanian **Anthony Daki** died after being stopped by **Charles Lobondo.** Lobondo, manager William Mulenga and boxer Joseph Chola were attacked by a Tanzanian mob, losing 20,000 Tanzanian shillings, a new wristwatch, and most of their clothes. They did escape with their lives, though. Lobondo, who was considering quitting the ring, said, "I knocked Daki down once in the first round and four times in the fifth. He kept falling each time I hit him and I appealed to the referee to stop the fight, but he gave me two public warnings for arguing with him." ... **Chappie Roberts**, a New Jersey flyweight, bantamweight and featherweight and a recent inductee into that state's Hall of Fame, passed away at 79. Roberts won the state amateur flyweight title in 1928 at the age of 17. □

Lightweight Fred Pendleton begins his victory dance after knocking out Sammy Fuentes in just 15 seconds of the opening round in Atlantic City. The kayo was one of the quickest in Atlantic City history and Pendleton hopes it will help bring him the recognition he feels he deserves.

"Sugar Ray Still Sweetest"

THE RING RATES THE MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONS

EXCEPT FOR THE HEAVYWEIGHTS, NO WEIGHT CLASS HAS produced as many legends and legendary battles as the middleweights.

In 1945, *The Ring* first began selecting a Fight of the Year. The heavies and middleweights have dominated the award. The two most recent ring battles destined to live forever in boxing lore were middleweight contests, Marvelous Marvin Hagler's spectacular knockout of Thomas Hearns and Sugar Ray Leonard's impossible decision win over Hagler.

In 1928, Gene Tunney was named the first recipient of *The Ring's* Fighter of the Year award. Since, two weight divisions, the heavyweights and the middleweights, have had a virtual lock on that trophy.

Explaining the popularity of warriors weighing between 147 and 160 pounds is simple. The best combine the power of heavyweights with the speed and mobility of the lighter divisions. Also, the common man can easily identify with a middleweight, who is smaller than King Kong, but not as light as a feather or as tiny as a fly.

Forty-two men have held the world middleweight championship and several others, not included here, have staked claims to the crown. The two most recent world middleweight champions, Hagler and Leonard, also have been omitted from this survey as either, or both, are considered still quite capable of providing a performance that could radically change his place in boxing history.

Putting the remaining 40 in their proper perspective was an extremely difficult task. Each, as a champion, can be considered a great fighter. But, as it did last year with the heavyweights and light heavyweights, *The Ring* has attempted to provide an objective evaluation of the men recognized as world middleweight champions.

Read on for the results.

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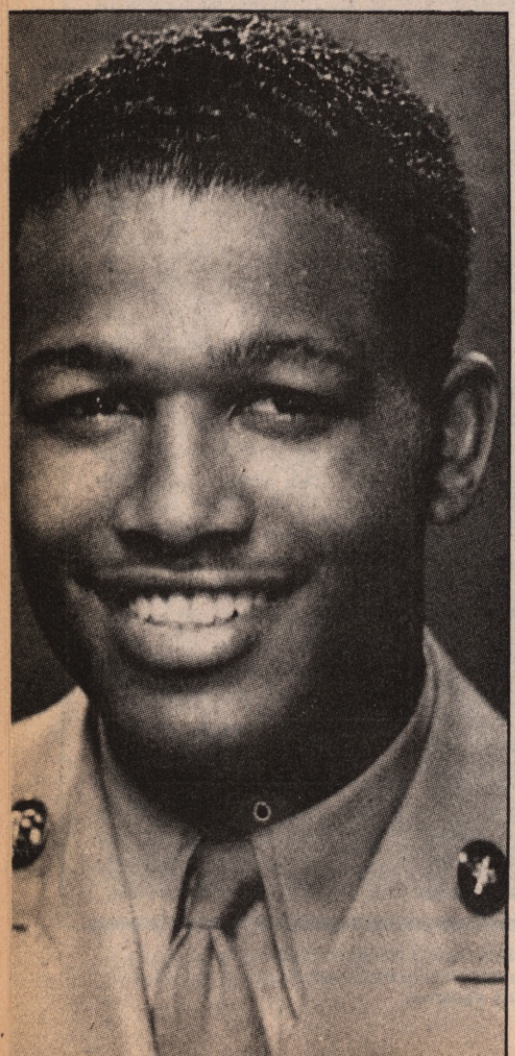
RAY ROBINSON



1. RAY ROBINSON (1951, 1951-1952, 1955-1957, 1957, 1958-1960): Born Walker Smith Jr., Sugar Ray Robinson emerges a runaway winner as *The Ring's* all-time middleweight champion. Considered by many the greatest fighter, pound-for-pound, in history, Robinson rates a perfect 10 in eight of the 10 categories considered by *The Ring*.

Robby drew a nine in defense, no knock considering he was an aggressive gladiator willing to mix at the drop of a glove. His fearlessness led him to suffer cuts on occasion, and in the category of cut resistance, Robinson draws an eight. Otherwise, one has to search long and hard for the slightest flaw in this near-perfect fighting machine. He was lightning quick, moved with grace and punched with terrific power. And his courage and determination could never be questioned. Perhaps the greatest tribute that can be paid Ray Leonard is to say that he lived up to the name Sugar Ray.

Robinson held the middleweight crown an amazing five times. And he did it after establishing himself as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, welterweight champions in history! Only torrid heat prevented him from joining Bob Fitzsimmons and Henry Armstrong as boxing's only true triple champions when he collapsed in his corner before the 14th round in his bid to unseat the badly trailing Joey Maxim as light heavyweight kingpin. It was the only time in 202 fights that Robinson was stopped.

Robinson first won the middleweight championship in 1951, stopping Jake LaMotta in the 13th round. He was just short of his 30th birthday. He lost and regained it until 1960, when Paul Pender became the first man to beat him twice, effectively ending his dominance of the division. Still, Robinson remained a factor and a drawing card until announcing his retirement Dec. 10, 1965.

Robinson finished his remarkable career with a record of 175-19-6, with two no contests and 110 knockouts. His record against other middleweight champions: LaMotta (W10); LaMotta (L10); LaMotta (W10); LaMotta (W10); LaMotta (W12); Olson (KO12); LaMotta (TKO13); Turpin (L15); Turpin (TKO10); Olson (W15); Graziano (KO3); Basilio (L15); Basilio (W15); Pender (L15); Pender (L15); Fullmer (D15); Fullmer (L15); Downes (L10); Giardello (L10). Named *The Ring's* Fighter of the Year in 1942 and 1951. Elected to *The Ring* Hall of Fame in 1967.

2. CARLOS MONZON (1970-1977): Tragically, recent personal problems have brought the name Carlos Monzon back to the headlines.

But for seven years, this great Argentinian made news with his fists, defending the middleweight championship a division-record 14 times before retiring still champion. Unlike most, Monzon smartly never attempted a comeback, thus preserving his image as the lanky power-puncher who proved virtually indestructible inside the ropes. Though finishing a good five points behind Robinson, Monzon rated a 10 in six categories, drawing his lowest score (seven) in footwork.

Monzon won the championship in 1970, knocking out Nino Benvenuti in the 12th round in the contest named *The Ring's* Fight of the Year. He took on all comers and emerged victorious.

When Monzon decided he had had enough, his record stood 89-3-8 with one no contest and 61 KOs, all of the losses and draws coming in the early stages of his career. Ironically, he proved unbeatable when he stepped into world-class competition, winning his final 32 fights. He was never stopped. Monzon's record against other middleweight champs: Benvenuti (KO12); Benvenuti (TKO3); Griffith (TKO14); Griffith (W15); Valdez (W15); Valdez (W15). Named Fighter of the Year in 1972 and elected to the Hall of Fame in 1983.

3. STANLEY KETCHEL (1908-1908, 1908-1913): Until Robinson and Monzon came along, "The Michigan Assassin," born Stanislaus Keical, was generally regarded as the ultimate middleweight. Certainly, he would have given Robby, Monzon or any other middleweight a life-and-death battle.

Ketchel rates perfect 10s in five categories and rates less than good in just one, footwork, where he draws an average six. He was durable, colorful and took on the best. Only Fitzsimmons and Robinson could match his power, which was potent enough to drop Jack Johnson, ranked No. 2 in our heavyweight ratings.

Ketchel won the vacant championship with a 20-round knockout of Jack "Twin" Sullivan in 1908, defended it three times, then lost it later that year to Billy Papke, who sucker-punched Ketchel into a fog when the referee instructed the two to touch gloves and come out fighting. Less than three months later, the two met again, with Ketchel destroying Papke in 11 rounds. He defended the crown just once after regaining it, beating Papke by decision before failing in the challenge for Johnson's championship. He was shot and killed by Walter A. Dipley, a jealous farmhand, at the age of 23.

Ketchel's career was interrupted with his record standing 52-4-4 with four no decisions and 49 knockouts. His record against other middleweight champions: Papke (W10); Papke (KOby12); Papke (KO11); Papke (W20); Klaus (ND6). He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1954.

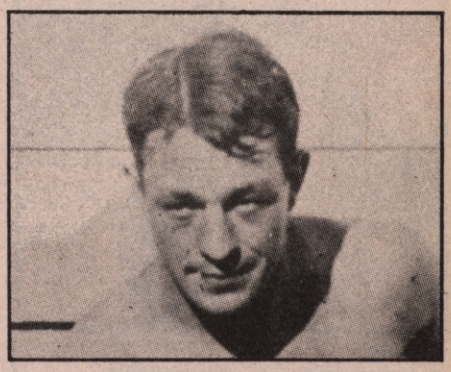
4. EMILE GRIFFITH (1966-1967, 1967-1968): Like Robinson, Emile Alphonse Griffith, a native of the Virgin Islands, captured the welterweight championship, then went on to a long and illustrious career as a middleweight, winning that world championship twice.

A determined and extremely durable battler, Griffith fought everyone around during his time and rates perfect scores in four categories, including historical impact as he was one of boxing's few true double champs. Griffith falls short of the leaders in punching power as he was never considered a knockout puncher, especially after killing Benny Paret in a welterweight title match.

As welterweight champion, Griffith challenged middleweight kingpin Dick Tiger in 1966, winning the heavier crown by decision. He retained it twice before dropping a 15-round nod to Benvenuti. The rematch saw Griffith regain the title, but their third pairing, in 1968, had Benvenuti win on points. Amazingly, Griffith tried to win the welterweight crown for a fourth time the following year, losing a 15-round decision to Jose Napoles. Undaunted, Griffith continued fighting until 1977, losing twice to Monzon in bids for a third middleweight championship.

Griffith's career log stands 85-24-2 with one no decision and 23 KOs. His record against other middleweight champions: Tiger (W15); Benvenuti (L15); Benvenuti (W15); Benvenuti (L15); Tiger (W10); Monzon (TKOby14); Monzon (L15); Antuofermo (L10); Minter (L10). Named Fighter of the Year in 1964 and elected to the Hall of Fame in 1981.

CARLOS MONZON



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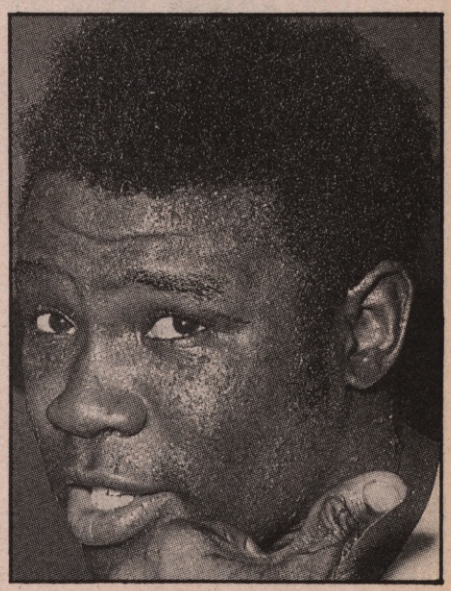

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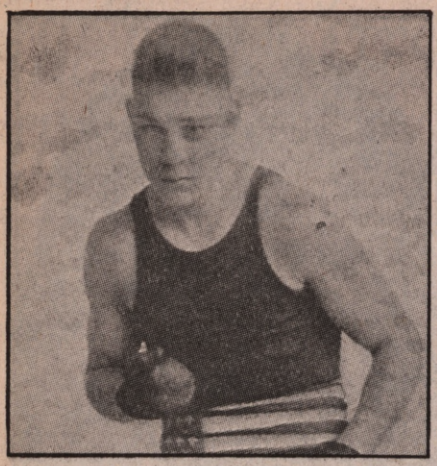

5. HARRY GREB (1923-1926): "The Human Windmill," Edward Henry Greb was the stuff fistic legends are made of. He earned his nickname, he didn't just give himself a colorful tag.

A perpetual motion machine, Greb engaged in an incredible 299 bouts against anyone willing to lace 'em up, regardless of weight. He receives four perfect scores, in determination, durability, quality of opposition and historical impact. The lowest scores given Greb were average, sixes in defense, footwork and punching power. Greb could have cared less about the first two and did just fine with a minimum of the third category.

Greb won the championship via a 15-round decision over Johnny Wilson in 1923. He defended it four times before yielding to Tiger Flowers via a 15-round duke in 1926. Greb won two fights, then challenged Flowers, but dropped another verdict. Later it was discovered Greb had fought many of his later battles sightless in one eye. Two months after losing to Flowers for the second time, Greb underwent an eye operation in Atlantic City and died of complications.

Greb's record is 106-8-3 with 182 no decisions and 49 knockouts. His record against other middleweight champions: Chip (ND6); Chip (ND10); Al McCoy (ND10); Chip (ND10); Chip (ND10); O'Dowd (ND10); Al McCoy (ND10); Wilson (W15); Wilson (W15); Flowers (ND10); Wilson (W10); Walker (W15); Flowers (L15); Flowers (L15). Elected to Hall of Fame in 1955.

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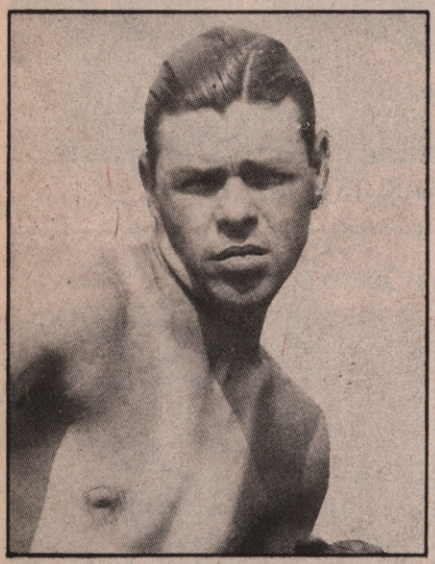


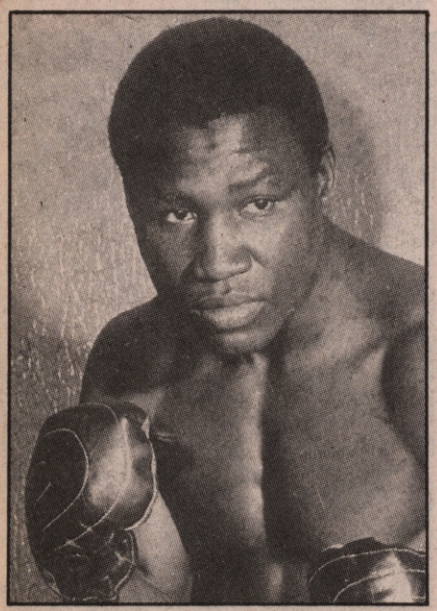
6. MICKEY WALKER (1926-1931): "The Toy Bulldog," born Edward Patrick Walker, finishes in a tie for sixth place with Dick Tiger. In the event of ties, the fighters will be listed in chronological order, thus we'll deal with Walker first.

Walker won the welterweight championship in 1922 and held it until 1926, losing a bid for Greb's middleweight crown along the way. But after losing his welterweight laurels, Walker annexed the middleweight championship by beating Flowers in 1926. A strong puncher with exceptional durability, Walker fought anyone at any weight, even meeting with success against the best heavyweights of his era. He receives three perfect scores, in determination, durability and quality of opposition.

As Walker lived up to his nickname, opponents found it almost impossible to make him take a backward step. He was in your face at all times. After beating Flowers, he defended his crown three times and tried unsuccessfully to unseat light heavyweight champion Tommy Loughran. He gave up his championship in 1931 and tried for the light heavy title again two years later, but lost a points verdict to Maxie Rosenbloom. He died in Freehold, New Jersey, in 1981.

Walker posted a mark of 93-19-4 with 46 no decisions, one no contest and 60 KOs. His record against other middleweight champions: Greb (L15); Flowers (W10). Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1955.

DICK TIGER



6. DICK TIGER (1963, 1965-1966): Born Richard Ihetu, this rugged Nigerian is another who had the ability to become a true multiple world champion, winning the middleweight crown twice before garnering the light heavyweight championship. Makes you wonder why today's fighters waste their time with meaningless junior divisions.

Tiger was a true action fighter, not as relentless as Walker or Greb, but slicker, rating perfect scores in durability and determination in addition to quality of opposition.

Tiger won the WBA middleweight crown from Gene Fullmer in 1962, drew with Fullmer in a rematch, then stopped him in seven rounds to gain recognition as world champion. Tiger lost the crown in his first defense, dropping a decision to Joey Giardello. Two years later he beat Giardello to take back the title, then lost it to Griffith in his first defense. In his very next start, he stripped the light heavy crown from the grasp of Jose Torres.

Tiger announced his retirement in 1971 and died of cancer less than five months later at the age of 41. He won 61 times, losing 17 with three draws. He knocked out 26 opponents. His record against other middleweight champions: Downes (TKO5); Giardello (W10); Giardello (L10); Fullmer (W15); Fullmer (D15); Fullmer (TKO7); Giardello (L15); Giardello (W15); Griffith (L15); Benvenuti (W10); Griffith (L10). He was named Fighter of the Year in 1962 and again in 1965, and his 10-round decision win over Frank DePaula was designated Fight of the Year in 1968. Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1974.

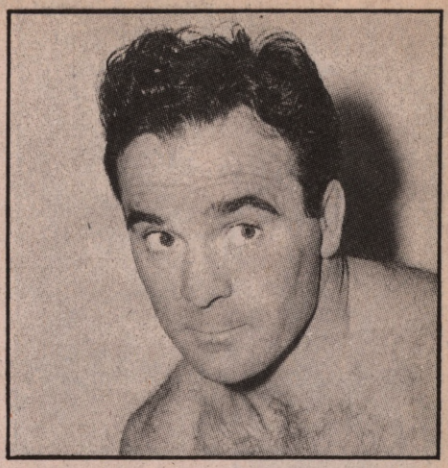
8. MARCEL CERDAN (1948-1949): This handsome Frenchman presented boxing with one of its most tragic legends. He won the middleweight championship in 1948, stopping Tony Zale in what became The Fight of the Year. But Cerdan suffered a dislocated shoulder and was forced to surrender his championship to Jake LaMotta in his first defense.

Cerdan returned to the States for a rematch, but an injury to LaMotta forced a postponement and Cerdan returned to Europe. On the next trip back his plane crashed and he died at the age of 33.

While Cerdan received no excellent scores, he rated no lower than good in any category. He was a solid, all-around technician who could beat you in several ways.

Cerdan lost just four of 109 fights, one on a foul, winning 60 by knockout. His record against other middleweight champions: Zale (KO12); LaMotta (TKOby10). Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1962.

MARCEL CERDAN



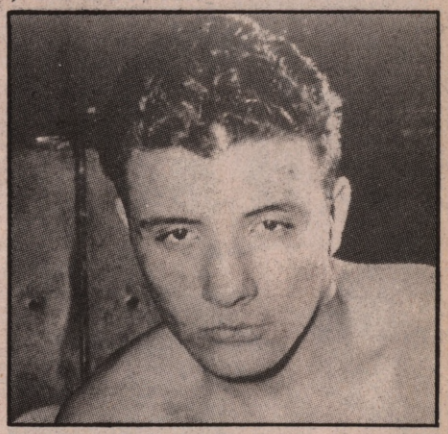
9. JAKE LAMOTTA (1949-1951): Just one point behind Cerdan is the man who dethroned him, "The Bronx Bull," Giacobe LaMotta.

LaMotta received four perfect scores, in determination, durability, quality of opposition and historical impact. A controversial figure, LaMotta was immortalized in the recent movie, "The Raging Bull," in which Robert DiNiro provides an outstanding portrayal of the talented, but troubled pugilist. LaMotta's shortcomings were obvious. He paid no attention to defense and footwork was something for the dance floor. He also was a light puncher, but, like Greb and Walker before him, he was impossible to discourage.

LaMotta won the crown from Cerdan, defended it twice, then was stopped by Robinson in 1951. He continued to fight until 1954, but never received another crack at his lost championship.

LaMotta's career produced an 83-19-4 record, 30 of the wins coming by KO. His record against other middleweight champions: Robinson (L10); Robinson (W10); Robinson (L10); Robinson (L10); Robinson (L12); Cerdan (TKO10); Robinson (TKOby13). His 1950 defense against France's Laurent Dauthuille was named Fight of the Year as LaMotta, trailing, knocked out Dauthuille with 15 seconds left. Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1985.

JAKE LAMOTTA



10. BOB FITZSIMMONS (1891-1897): Ranked 15th in the heavyweight ratings and 19th as a light heavyweight, "Ruby Robert" earns his highest placing as a middleweight. The 160-pound crown was the first won by Fitzsimmons, who was in his prime at the age of 27 when he knocked out Jack Dempsey "The Nonpareil" in the 13th round to win his first of three world championships.

Though he held the crown six years, he defended it just once before winning the heavyweight title. The Englishman joins Robinson and Ketchel as one of just three to receive a perfect grade in punching power. And why not? Weighing just 167 pounds he still hit hard enough to flatten James J. Corbett. Hell, legend has it he even knocked out a horse.

As one of just two triple world champions, Fitz gains a 10 in historical importance. And for those who scoff at the abilities of the old-timers, an athlete as exceptional as Fitzsimmons could have adapted successfully to any era's style of fighting. After all, if Abe Lincoln were around today, he'd know how to use a typewriter, wouldn't he?

Fitzsimmons finished his career 40-11-3 with 10 no decisions and 32 knockouts. His record against other middleweight champions: Dempsey (TKO13). Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1954.

BOB FITZSIMMONS

11. JACK DEMPSEY (1884-1891): Right behind the premier 10 we find a four-way deadlock for the 11th slot with "The Nonpareil" leading the pack as the world's first middleweight champion.

Dempsey earns one perfect grade, a 10 for his exceptional defensive skills. He won the new crown at the age of 22, knocking out Canadian George Fulljames in 22 rounds. After four successful defenses, he was beaten by Fitz. Four years later he tried for the welterweight crown but was stopped in three.

That led to the retirement of Dempsey, who was born John Kelly in Ireland. His record stands 50-3-8 with seven no decisions, three no contests and 26 KOs. Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1954.

JACK DEMPSEY

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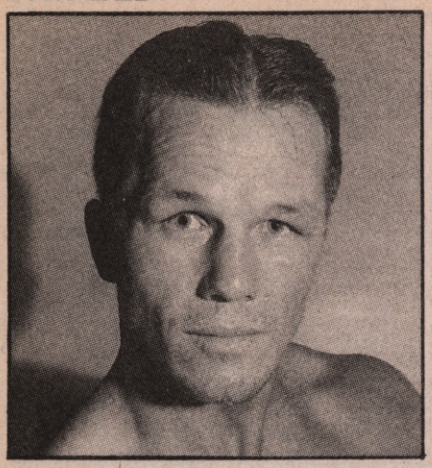

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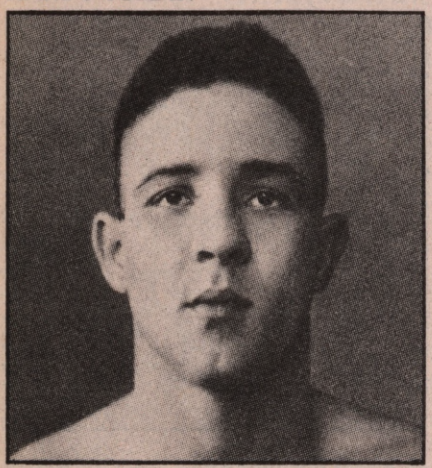

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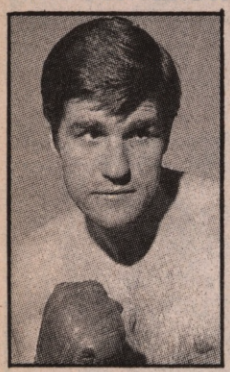
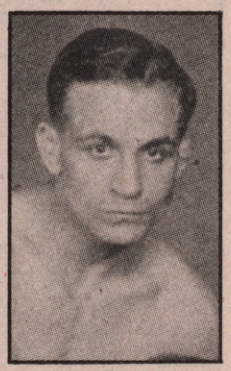




TOMMY RYAN

11. TONY ZALE (1941-1947, 1948): Matching Dempsey's score is "The Man of Steel," who provided boxing with many of its unforgettable moments.

Zale's courage and strong punching made many of his engagements classics, and he receives a 10 in historical importance. Zale claimed the NBA title in 1940, but didn't get recognition as world champion until the close of the following year when he outpointed George Abrams. Zale lost a non-title bout to Billy Conn in 1942, then entered the service, which must have seemed easy compared to what followed the close of World War II.

After tuning up with six straight KO wins in non-title bouts, Zale defended his crown for the first time, knocking out Rocky Graciano in a brawl. Two more slugouts with The Rock saw Zale lose and regain the crown, each time in a sensational KO ending. At the age of 35, The Man of Steel melted at the fists of Cerdan and never fought again.

Zale's log reads 67-18-2 with 45 KOs. His record against other middleweight champs: Soose (L10); Apostoli (W10); Graziano (KO6); Graziano (TKOby6); Graziano (KO3); Cerdan (KOby12). Zale was named Fighter of the Year in 1946 and his matches with Graziano (1946 and 1947) and Cerdan (1948) were named Fight of the Year. Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1958.

11. RANDY TURPIN (1951): England's Randolph Adolphus Turpin had the misfortune of being around when Robinson was at his peak. But he was good enough to surprise Robby, winning the championship on a 15-round decision.

Turpin's reign lasted just over two months. In a sensational comeback, a badly cut Robinson threw everything he had, which was considerable, and stopped Turpin in the 10th. Turpin gained the British Empire light heavy and middleweight crowns and defended his European laurels before he got a chance to get the world championship back. Robinson had retired, but Turpin lost on points to Bobo Olson in a match to fill the vacancy.

Turpin continued campaigning until 1964, finishing his career 66-8-1 with 45 KOs. His record against other middleweight champs: Robinson (W15); Robinson (TKOby10); Olson (L15). He was shot to death in 1966.

11. NINO BENVENUTI (1967, 1968-1970): Turpin had the bad luck of fighting at the same time as Robinson, and Giovanni Benvenuti had Monzon chasing him. Thus, the Italian is often overlooked and underrated.

Consider, he was good enough to win a gold medal in the 1960 Olympics. He won his first 65 pro bouts, a record, before losing his world junior middleweight title to Korea's Ki-Soo Kim. He took two of three bouts with Emile Griffith, winning, losing and regaining the world middleweight championship in the process, the 1967 bout being named Fight of the Year. He defended the crown successfully four times before losing to Monzon in 1970, that year's Fight of the Year. In addition, he was named Fighter of the Year in 1968.

Pretty impressive stuff, huh? His career mark isn't bad, either, standing 82-7-1 with 35 KOs. His record against other middleweight champs: Griffith (W15); Griffith (L15); Griffith (W15); Tiger (L10); Monzon (KOby12); Monzon (TKOby3).

15. TOMMY RYAN (1898-1908): A three-way deadlock occurs at position 15, with Tommy Ryan, born Joseph Youngs, representing the old-timers.

Ryan, the welterweight champion, took on all middleweight comers when Fitzsimmons vacated the middleweight crown after capturing the heavyweight championship. Eventually, Ryan gained recognition as world champion and retained such for a 10-year period.

But Ryan put the crown up for grabs just four times the first five years of his reign and didn't defend it again until he retired with a 86-3-6 record with four no decisions, six no contests and 68 knockouts. His record against other middleweight champions: Dempsey (TKO3); Kid McCoy (KOby15); Kid McCoy (NC5); Kid McCoy (L6). Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1958.

15. WILLIAM JONES (1932): When Mickey Walker retired, the National Boxing Association and the New York Commission couldn't agree on a middleweight champion, causing much the same confusion created for us today by the WBA, WBC and IBF.

But Jones came out on top in an NBA tournament and is generally regarded as Walker's successor. "Gorilla's" reign didn't last long, though, as he held the title less than six months before losing by foul to France's Marcel Thil. He never got a chance to get the title back.

Jones fought 145 bouts and was never stopped, earning a grade of 10 for durability. His record was 97-23-13 with nine no decisions, three no contests and 54 knockouts. His record against other middleweight champions: Thil (DQby11).

15. JOEY GIARDELLO (1963-1965): Carmine Orlando Tilelli completes the three-way knot at No. 15.

One of the last of the true fighting fighters, Giardello, a masterful boxer, took on everybody in sight and receives a 10 in quality of opposition.

In 1960, Giardello tried for the NBA middleweight title, which was held by Gene Fullmer. The fight was in Fullmer's backyard, but even there the judges had to stretch their imaginations to bless Fullmer with a 15-round draw. It wasn't until almost three years later that Giardello received a shot at the world championship, and he took advantage of it, upsetting Tiger on points.

He defended once successfully, then lost the rematch to Tiger two years later. He continued boxing sparingly until 1967, when he retired with a record of 100-25-7 with one no decision and 32 knockouts. His record against other middleweight champions: Tiger (L10); Tiger (W10); Fullmer (D15); Downes (L10); Robinson (W10); Tiger (W15); Tiger (L15). His 10-round points win over Henry Hank in Philadelphia was named 1962's Fight of the Year.

18. GENE FULLMER (1957): Just one-half point behind the above three is Fullmer, one of several middleweight champions to ascend to the throne with a bare minimum of skill.

Fullmer couldn't box and couldn't punch, but rarely has a more durable and determined boxer entered the ring, and he receives 10s in those categories. Fullmer also rates a 10 in quality of opposition as he was willing to go with anyone.

Fullmer's reign as middleweight champion began when he upset Robinson on points. But just five months later, Sugar Ray flattened him and Fullmer never regained the world title. However, Fullmer did remain a force until 1963, winning and losing the NBA title during that period. Fullmer tried for the vacant world championship in 1963, but was stopped by Tiger and retired.

Fullmer finished 55-6-3 with 24 knockouts. His record against other middleweight champions: Pender (W10); Robinson (W15); Robinson (KOby5); Basilio (TKO14); Giardello (D15); Basilio (TKO12); Robinson (D15); Tiger (L15); Tiger (D15); Tiger (TKOby7). His 14th-round stoppage of Basilio for the vacant NBA title in 1959 was that year's Fight of the Year. Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1974.

19. THEODORE FLOWERS (1926): "Tiger" Flowers, "The Georgia Deacon," heads a group of four tied for the 19th slot, just a half-point behind Fullmer.

Like Fullmer, Flowers met everyone and earns a perfect score in quality of opposition. Also like Fullmer, Flowers lasted less than a year as middleweight kingpin. He won the championship from an aging Greb, beat Greb again to defend it, then lost it later the same year to Walker. He fought 18 times the next year, losing just once, but died during an eye operation four days after his last bout. He was 32.

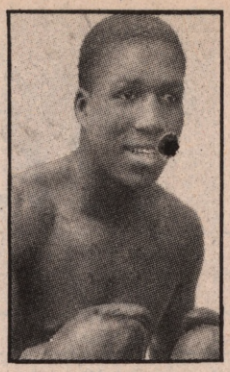
Flowers was 115-13-6 with 21 no decisions, one no contest and 54 KOs. His record against other middleweight champions: Greb (ND10); Wilson (TKO3); Greb (W15); Greb (W15); Walker (L10). Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1971.

19. FRED APOSTOLI (1937-1939): Apostoli won the world middleweight championship by stopping Thil, but the New York Commission didn't recognize Thil, backing Freddie Steele instead.

Apostoli erased Steele's claim when he stopped him in an overweight match, and Steele refused to fight him again at 160 pounds.

A solid, all-around boxer, with no outstanding strengths or weaknesses, Apostoli defended his title twice before being stopped by Ceferino Garcia. He fought

GORILLA JONES



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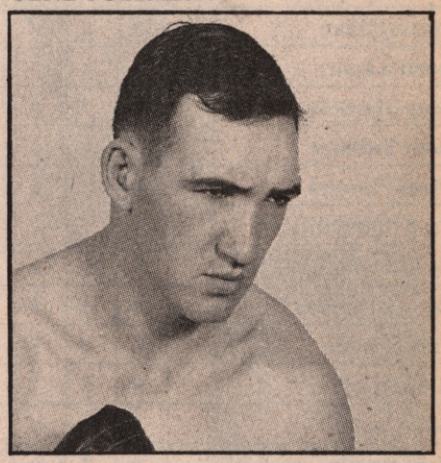

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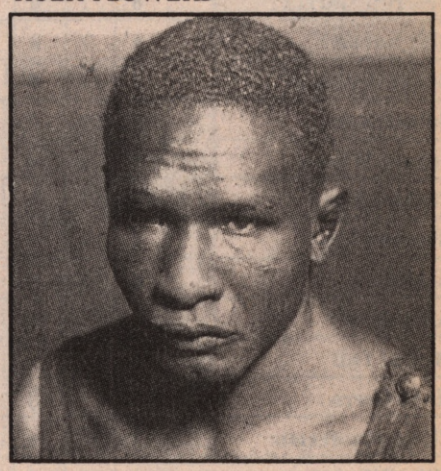


CHARTING THE CHAMPS

	Defense	Determination	Durability	Hand Speed	Foot Work	Punching Power	Cut Resistance	Natural Ability	Quality of Opposition	Historical Impact	Total
Ray Robinson	9	10	10	10	10	10	8	10	10	10	97
Carlos Monzon	10	10	10	8	7	9	10	8	10	10	92
Stanley Ketchel	7	10	10	8	6	10	9	9	10	10	89
Emile Griffith	9	10	10	8	8	6	8	9	10	10	88
Harry Greb	6	10	10	9	6	6	7	9	10	10	83
Mickey Walker	6	10	10	8	6	8	7	8	10	9	82
Dick Tiger	9	10	10	6	6	6	8	8	10	9	82
Marcel Cerdan	7	8	8	8	7	8	8	8	7	8	77
Jake LaMotta	5	10	10	6	5	6	6	8	10	10	76
Bob Fitzsimmons	6	8	8	6	4	10	8	6	8	10	74
Jack Dempsey	10	8	8	8	7	5	7	7	6	7	73
Tony Zale	6	8	8	6	6	8	6	7	8	10	73
Randy Turpin	7	8	7	8	8	8	6	8	7	6	73
Nino Benvenuti	8	8	6	8	8	6	8	8	8	5	73
Tommy Ryan	8	8	8	6	6	8	7	7	8	6	72
Gorilla Jones	7	8	10	7	7	6	8	7	7	5	72
Joey Giardello	9	7	9	7	8	6	4	8	10	4	72
Gene Fullmer	6	10	10	6	4	6	7.5	6	10	6	71.5
Tiger Flowers	7	8	6	7	7	6	8	7	10	5	71
Fred Apostoli	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	6	71
Carmen Basilio	6	10	8	6	5	6	6	6	10	8	71
Rodrigo Valdez	8	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	6	2	71
Paul Pender	10	6	8	8	8	5	8	7	7	2	69
Kid McCoy	8	8	7	7	8	8	6	6	7	3	68
Billy Papke	8	7	7	8	6	6	7	6	8	5	68
Ken Overlin	8	7	8	7	8	4	7	7	8	4	68
Ceferino Garcia	6	7	8	6	6	8	6	6	8	6	67
Billy Soose	8	7	8	8	8	4	8	6	8	2	67
Rocky Graziano	4	8	8	5	4	9	5	6	8	10	67
Bobo Olson	7	7	6	6	6	7	8	7	8	5	67
Johnny Wilson	6	8	8	6	6	6	6	6	8	4	64
Frank Klaus	6	7	7	6	6	6	7	6	8	4	63
George Chip	6	8	8	6	5	4	6	6	10	4	63
Al McCoy	6	8	8	6	5	4	6	6	10	4	63
Alan Minter	6	7	6	8	7	7	4	7	7	4	63
Marcel Thil	6	6	5	6	6	7	8	6	7	5	62
Hugo Corro	7	8	8	6	7	4	7.5	6	5	2	60.5
Vito Antuofermo	5	10	10	5	5	5	2	6	7	4	59
Mike O'Dowd	6	8	8	6	5	6	6	6	6	2	59
Terry Downes	6	8	7	6	4	8	4	6	7	2	58

A few words of explanation about the 10 categories used in deciding *The Ring's* new all-time middleweight ratings.

DEFENSE: While this category is self-explanatory, it should be noted that in cases where a champion's offense was also his best defense, points were awarded based on the overall effectiveness, vis-a-vis defense, of his individual style.

DETERMINATION: Courage, guts, heart, bottom, whatever you want to call it, it all boils down to the same thing: the overpowering will to keep fighting in the face of any odds.

DURABILITY: The champions' chins, stamina and overall conditioning throughout their careers were considered when grading this department.

HAND SPEED: One cannot overstress the importance of hand speed, perhaps the single most important quality any fighter can own.

FOOT WORK: Another vital part of any boxer's repertoire. It should be noted that a champion doesn't necessarily have to be a speed merchant — though it certainly helps — to rate highly in this category.

PUNCHING POWER: The most obvious and dynamic quality a fighter can possess. The effect of combination punching was also factored into this equation.

CUT RESISTANCE: Always a factor, especially today when officials are much more likely to stop a fight because of cuts than in the past.

NATURAL ABILITY: Not only are the champions' God-given talents taken into consideration here, but also the fact that some failed to make the most of their gifts.

QUALITY OF OPPOSITION: It is undeniable that some champs fought in an era blessed with better fighters than other, a criterion that has to be taken into consideration when grading them as a group.

HISTORICAL IMPACT: The champion of any division should be more than just the best fighter in the world at his weight. Ideally, he should also be a larger-than-life figure, one who captures the public's imagination and leaves an indelible impression on the sport. □

on another nine years, but never had a chance to regain his laurels.

Apostoli's ledger reads 61-10-1 with 31 KOs. His record against other middleweight champions: Overlin (L10); Thil (TKO10); Garcia (KOby7); Zale (L10); Overlin (D10). Named Fighter of the Year in 1943. Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1978.

19. CARMEN BASILIO (1957-1958): Matching the point totals of Flowers and Apostoli is another welterweight champion who gave middleweights all they could handle.

In a 13-year career, Basilio met all comers between 136 and 160 pounds and receives a 10 in quality of opposition. His refusal to take a backward step earns another perfect grade in determination.

As welterweight champion, he surprised Robinson, taking Sugar Ray's 160-pound title via decision. The rematch, just six months later, made Basilio an ex-champ. Fullmer proved too strong in two later bouts for the NBA crown, and Pender ended his career with a points win for Pender's world championship.

Basilio was 56-16-7 with 27 knockouts. His record against other middleweight champions: Robinson (W15); Robinson (L15); Fullmer (TKOby14); Fullmer (TKOby12); Pender (L15). Basilio notched an amazing record. His welterweight championship TKO over Tony DeMarco was named 1955's Fight of the Year, and Basilio was involved in that honor the next four years, also, winning back his title in 1956 with a stoppage of Johnny Saxton, winning the middle title from Robinson in 1957 and losing it back it 1958, and losing to Fullmer in 1959. He was named Fighter of the Year in 1957 and was added to the Hall of Fame in 1969.

19. RODRIGO VALDEZ (1977-1978): Completing the four-way logjam for 19th is this talented Colombian, who gave Monzon two of his most bitter battles.

When Valdez dropped and cut Monzon in their rematch, Monzon figured it was time to hand 'em up. Valdez was matched with Bennie Briscoe for the vacant championship and came away a points winner.

However, six months later at the age of 31, he was beaten by Hugo Corro in his first defense, and Corro also won the rematch.

Valdez was stopped just once, early in his career which produced a 63-8-2 record with 41 KOs. His record against other middleweight champions: Monzon (L15); Monzon (L15); Corro (L15); Corro (L15).

23. PAUL PENDER (1960-1961, 1962-1963): As slick a boxer as one would like to see, Pender rates a 10 in defense. But his safety first style did not endear him to the public.

Pender was around at the right time, though, catching Robinson at the tail end of his long career to win the championship by decision. Sugar Ray couldn't catch him in the rematch, either, and Pender defended twice more, beating Basilio and Terry Downes before surprisingly surrendering in his corner in a rematch with Downes. He got the title back from Downes in 1962, but when negotiations for a match with WBA champ Tiger broke down, Pender retired.

Pender finished 40-6-2 with 20 KOs. His record against other middleweight champions: Fullmer (L10); Robinson (W15); Robinson (W15); Downes (TKO7); Basilio (W15); Downes (TKOby9); Downes (W15).

24. CHARLES MCCOY (1897-1898): Leading a three-way tie at 24 is "Kid" McCoy, the third man to hold the middleweight championship.

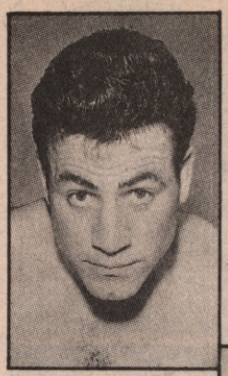
When Fitzsimmons won the heavyweight championship, the slick-boxing McCoy, inventor of the corkscrew punch, gained recognition as middleweight champ with a TKO of Dan Creedon in 1897. But McCoy never defended the crown, looking at the light heavies and heavies instead. In 1903, he tried for the light heavy crown, but lost on points to Jack Root.

McCoy's record stands 86-6-6 with six no decisions, three no contests and 64 KOs. McCoy's record against other middleweight champions: Ryan (KO15); Ryan (NC5); Ryan (W6). Committed suicide in 1940. Elected to Hall of Fame in 1957.

24. BILLY PAPKE (1908): "The Illinois Thunderbolt" stayed atop the division less than three months. He just couldn't measure Ketchel.

Papke did gain the crown when he ignored the traditional pre-fight handshake

FRED APOSTOLI



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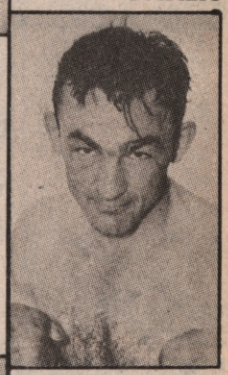

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and floored Ketchel with a right. By the time the first round ended, Ketchel had been down four times and one eye was shut. Papke finally stopped him in 12, but Ketchel gained revenge with an 11th-round KO and repeated his win by decision the next year.

When Ketchel was killed, Papke was one of several strong claimants to the title. But he lost on a foul to Frank Klaus in a 1913 bout to fill the vacancy.

Papke concluded his career 38-9-5 with 10 no decisions and 30 KOs. His record against other middleweight champions: Ketchel (L10); Ketchel (TKO12); Ketchel (KOby11); Ketchel (L20); Klaus (ND6); Klaus (LF15). Elected to Hall of Fame in 1972.

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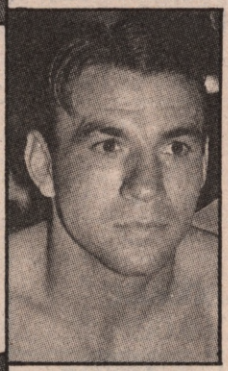

24. KEN OVERLIN (1940-1941): Similar to Pender, Overlin was a cute boxer with little punch whose fights were competitive, but often less than enthralling.

Also like Pender, Overlin fought at a time when confusion cluttered the middleweight championship. Overlin tried for the NBA/NY title in 1937, but was knocked out by Steele. Three years later he took on Garcia, who had won world recognition, and took the championship on points. He defended twice before losing on points to Billy Soose.

Overlin finished 132-16-7 with two no contests and 23 KOs. His record against other middleweight champions: Apostoli (W10); Garcia (W15); Soose (L10); Soose (L15); Apostoli (D10). Overlin died in 1969.

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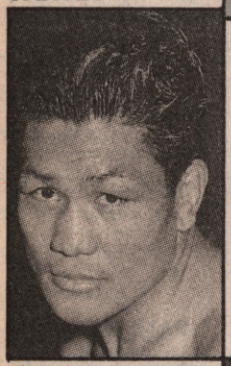

27. CEFERINO GARCIA (1939-1940): Beginning a four-way tie for the 27th position is this colorful Filipino, who tried twice unsuccessfully to win the welterweight crown before gaining the middleweight championship.

Of course, it should be noted Garcia's failures at the 147-pound title came on points losses to Barney Ross and Henry Armstrong.

Standing just 5-7 and rarely weighing more than 154, Garcia still managed to corral the 160-pound crown by knocking out Apostoli. He defended twice successfully, the second match being a draw with Armstrong, who was trying for his fourth world crown, before losing to Overlin on points.

Garcia was 95-26-9 with 65 KOs. His record against other middleweight champions: Apostoli (KO7); Overlin (L15); Soose (TD8). Elected to Hall of Fame in 1977, four years before his death.

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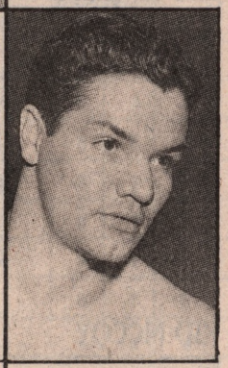

27. BILLY SOOSE (1941): Matching Garcia's point total is Billy Soose, whose relatively brief career damages his overall grade.

Soose, a good boxer, won the crown from Overlin, but had trouble making weight and never defended. Having prepared himself at Penn State, he retired the next year at the ripe old age of 26 and never fought again.

Soose finished 34-6-1 with 13 KOs. His record against other middleweight champions: Overlin (W10); Zale (W10); Overlin (W15); Garcia (TD8).

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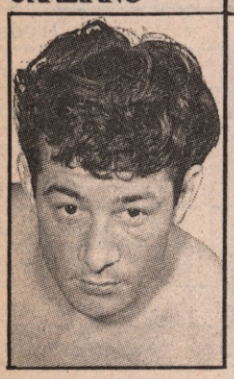

27. ROCKY GRAZIANO (1947-1948): Seldom has there been a fighter with the popularity of Thomas Rocco Barbella. A wild-swinging power puncher who paid little attention to the game's finer points, Graziano became one of boxing's legends and draws a 10 for historical impact.

But Rocky's many obvious shortcomings pull down his grade, and his reign as champion lasted just long enough for Zale to get him back into the ring.

Knocked out by Zale in an unsuccessful bid for the championship, Graziano came back to win the crown by stopping "The Man of Steel." Zale won the rubber match, and that ended Graziano's brief stay atop the division. He tried to regain the crown from Robinson in 1952, but was knocked out in three rounds.

Graziano concluded 67-10-6 with 52 KOs. His record against other middleweight champs: Zale (KOby6); Zale (TKO6); Zale (KOby3); Robinson (KOby3). His June 29, 10-round knockout of Freddie Cochrane was *The Ring's* first Fight of the Year, occurring in 1945. Graziano's 1946 and 1947 encounters with Zale also were named Fight of the Year. Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1971.

27. CARL OLSON (1953-1955): Completing the four-way jam for position 27 is Hawaiian Bobo Olson, who produced quite a career in spite of his failure to excel in any phase of the game.

When Robinson retired, Olson, who had lost a bid for Robinson's title, was

matched with Paddy Young for the American championship, which Olson won. Meanwhile, Turpin was winning the European crown from Charley Humez. The two met, with Olson winning the vacant championship on points. He defended it three times, was knocked out in an unsuccessful try for Archie Moore's light heavy crown, then lost his middleweight crown when knocked out by the comebacking Robinson. Olson was again knocked out by Sugar Ray in a rematch.

He never fought again for a world championship, but campaigned for 10 more years as a light heavy, retiring at the age of 38 with a log of 99-16-2 with 49 KOs. His record against other middleweight champions: Robinson (KOby12); Robinson (L15); Turpin (W15); Robinson (KOby2); Robinson (KOby4). Named Fighter of the Year in 1953.

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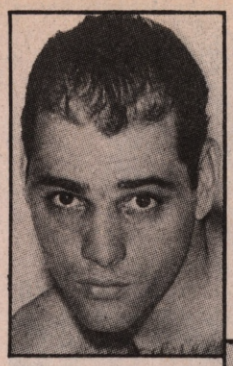

31. JOHNNY WILSON (1920-1923): Giovanni Francisco Panica was another who fought at a time when the middleweights were without a true leader.

Wilson, who often provided his own officials, stripped the crown from Mike O'Dowd in 1920, but the decision created an uproar. However, Wilson gave O'Dowd a rematch the following year and won handily and also beat Ohio claimant Bryan Downey by foul, though the Ohio Commission declared Downey winner by KO and continued to recognize him as world champ.

Wilson's rather undistinguished reign came to a close in his second defense when he was beaten on points by Greb. Wilson again was outpointed by Greb when he tried to regain the crown. He fought until 1926, compiling a 64-21-1 record with 35 no decisions, two no contests and 44 KOs. His record against other middleweight champs: O'Dowd (W12); O'Dowd (W15); Greb (L15); Greb (L15); Flowers (KOby3); Greb (L10). Wilson died three years ago in Boston at the age of 92.

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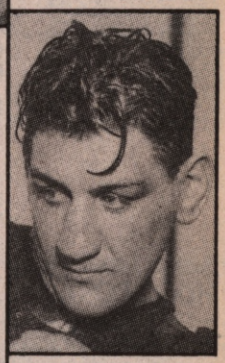

FRANK KLAUS

32. FRANK KLAUS (1913): Right behind Wilson are four boxers tied for the 32nd position, with Klaus first in chronological order.

Klaus was one of the many title claimants following Ketchel's death, and deservedly so. He had campaigned nine years against the best without receiving a championship crack.

Finally getting a shot at the vacant crown, he emerged world champion when Papke was disqualified in the 15th round. But in his first defense, Klaus was knocked out by George Chip, who repeated the trick in a rematch that sent Klaus into retirement with a record of 49-5-1 with 33 no decisions and 26 KOs.

Klaus' record against other middleweight champions: Papke (ND6); Ketchel (ND6); Papke (DQ15); Chip (KOby6); Chip (KOby5). Elected to Hall of Fame in 1974.

GEORGE CHIP

32. GEORGE CHIP (1913-1914): Two of the men tied with Klaus are his conqueror, George Chipulonis, and Chip's conqueror, Al McCoy.

Perhaps Chip would have edged ahead of Klaus and a few others if his reign as champion hadn't been so disastrous. After six non-title bouts, Chip put his championship on the line against the unheralded McCoy and was knocked flat in 1:55.

Chip, who earns a 10 for quality of opposition, fought on for eight more years, but never regained the throne, finishing 40-14-1 wiht 104 no decisions, one no contest and 36 KOs. His record against other middleweight champions: Klaus (KO6); Klaus (KO5); Al McCoy (KOby1); Al McCoy (ND10); Greb (ND6); Al McCoy (ND10); Greb (ND10); Greb (ND10); Greb (ND10). Chip died in 1960 at the age of 72.

AL MCCOY

32. AL MCCOY (1914-1917): Though he won his championship with a spectacular, one-round KO of Chip, McCoy was a light puncher who receives his lowest grades in punching power and historical importance.

McCoy, fighting in the no decision days, could surrender his title only by knockout loss, and he managed to hold onto it until 1917, when stopped by O'Dowd. Though he fought 45 times during his reign, none were considered defenses. However, his willingness to meet anyone earns him a 10 in quality of opposition.

McCoy finished 43-8-13 with 92 no decisions and 25 KOs. His record against other middleweight champs: Chip (KO1); Chip (ND10); Chip (ND10); Greb

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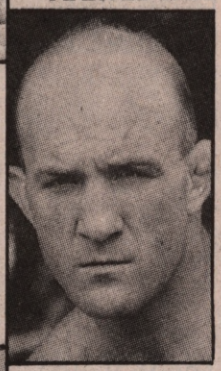

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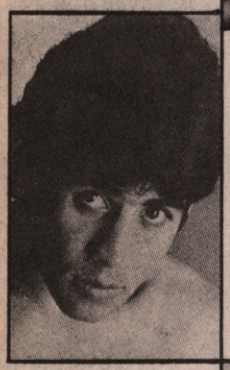

VITO ANTUOFERMO

MIKE O'DOWD

(ND10); O'Dowd (KOby6); Greb (ND10); O'Dowd (KOby3). McCoy died in Los Angeles in 1966 at the age of 72.

32. ALAN MINTER (1980): Typical of many British fighters, Minter, a smart boxer with a stiff punch, was held back by his tendency to cut.

Battling another notorious bleeder, Vito Antuofermo, for Vito's world championship, Minter made it the distance to win the championship on points, then stopped Antuofermo in a rematch.

But that proved Minter's only successful defense as Marvin Hagler was waiting in the wings. Hagler stopped Minter in three, starting a mini-riot in Wembley. A violent, racist group was believed to be behind the outburst, and Minter's reputation suffered as a result. But the Brit denied any connection with the racist group, claiming guilt by association, and his explanation is generally accepted.

Minter retired in 1981 with a 39-9 record with one no contest and 23 KOs. His record against other middleweight champions: Griffith (W10); Antuofermo (W15); Antuofermo (TKO8); Hagler (TKOby3).

36. MARCEL THIL (1932-1937): This Frenchman had little in common with Cerdan, save the same first name.

In fact, one wonders if Thil didn't bring along an NBA ref for his title matches. And that's National Basketball Association, not National Boxing Association. After campaigning exclusively in Europe 11 years, Thil suckered Gorilla Jones into defending his world championship in Paris. Naturally, Jones fouled out in the 11th, making Thil champ. He defended the crown nine times — all in Europe. Twice Lou Brouillard was thrown out for fouls in Paris, once in the fourth round, again in the sixth. When Thil finally visited the States, he was stopped by Apostoli and retired without fighting again.

Thil's ledger reads 113-22-13 with 54 KOs. His record against other middleweight champions: Jones (DQ11); Apostoli (TKOby10). Thil died in 1968 at age 64.

37. HUGO CORRO (1978-1979): Like Thil, Hugo Corro preferred the home-court advantage, rarely leaving South America.

But the Argentinian did have the number of Valdez, whom he beat for the title and in a rematch. He sandwiched a successful defense against Ronnie Harris between Valdez bouts, but lost his crown to Antuofermo in 1979.

Corro's scores are pretty decent, but he falls far short in quality of opposition and historical importance, the latter being graded low because of his short tenure and the shadow of Monzon, Argentina's truly great middleweight.

Corro's record stands 48-4-1 with 25 KOs. His record against other middleweight champs: Valdez (W15); Valdez (W15); Antuofermo (L15).

38. VITO ANTUOFERMO (1979-1980): Rarely has a gladiator accomplished so much with so little. Antuofermo couldn't punch, couldn't box and bled at the lacing of a glove. But he overcame those drawbacks with tremendous heart and stamina and earns perfect grades in durability and determination. Being quite proficient at using his head and gloves illegally helped, too.

Antuofermo got a break, facing the limited Corro for the world championship, which he won on points. His first defense later that year should have ended his reign, but he was somehow gifted with a draw against Hagler to keep the title. However, Minter decisioned him in his next start, making Vito an ex-champion, and he was stopped by both Minter and Hagler in bids to regain the crown.

A comeback was halted in 1985 when Antuofermo was chopped down by young Matthew Hilton, leaving his career mark 50-7-2 with 21 KOs. His record against other middleweight champs: Griffith (W10); Corro (W15); Hagler (D15); Minter (L15); Minter (TKOby8); Hagler (TKOby5).

39. MIKE O'DOWD (1917-1920): "The St. Paul Cyclone" is another who suffers from anonymity, drawing a score of two in historical importance. Judging solely his skill ratings, it's possible O'Dowd would have given many of those rated above him a good tussle.

O'Dowd won the championship in 1917, knocking out Al McCoy. But he relinquished it in his first defense, a highly disputed decision to Wilson. But

O'Dowd's claim was silenced when Wilson whipped him again, this time convincingly. O'Dowd received New York recognition as world champion in 1922, winning by foul over Dave Rosenberg. However, he was knocked out in one round by Jock Malone in his next start and retired with a 56-7-3 record with 50 no decisions and 44 KOs. His record against other middleweight champs: Al McCoy (KO6); Greb (ND10); Al McCoy (KO3); Wilson (L12); Wilson (L15).

O'Dowd passed away in 1957 at age 62.

40. TERRY DOWNES (1961-1962): Bringing up the rear is England's Terry Downes, a game battler, but also a very fortunate one.

Downes, who bled readily, was stopped by Pender in his first bid for the middleweight crown, but caught the champion on a bad night in the rematch, notching his name in the record book with a nine-round TKO. Downes' reign lasted until Pender got him into the ring again, Pender regaining the crown by decision.

Two years later, Downes was stopped by Willie Pastrano in a bid for light heavy honors and retired 35-9-0 with 28 KOs. His record against other middleweight champions: Tiger (KOby6); Giardello (W10); Pender (TKOby7); Pender (TKO9); Pender (L15); Robinson (W10). □

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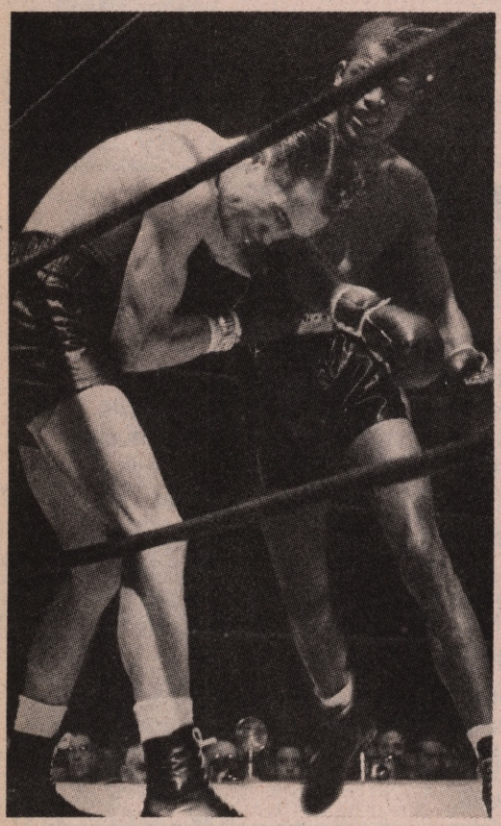
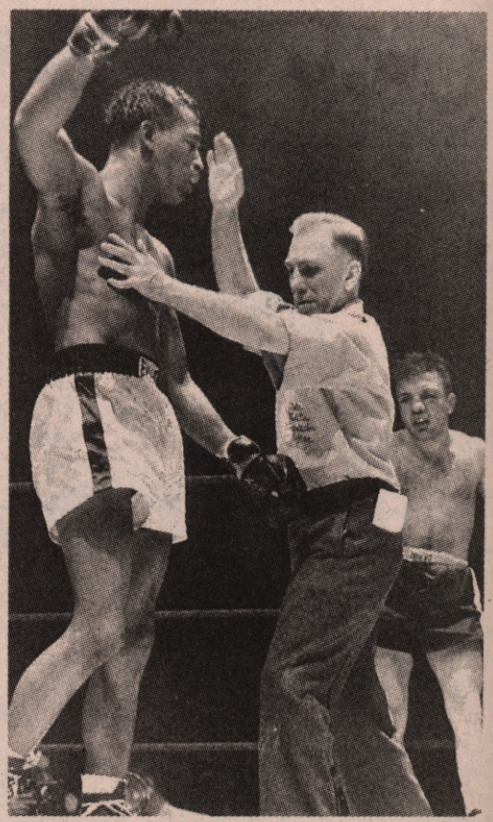
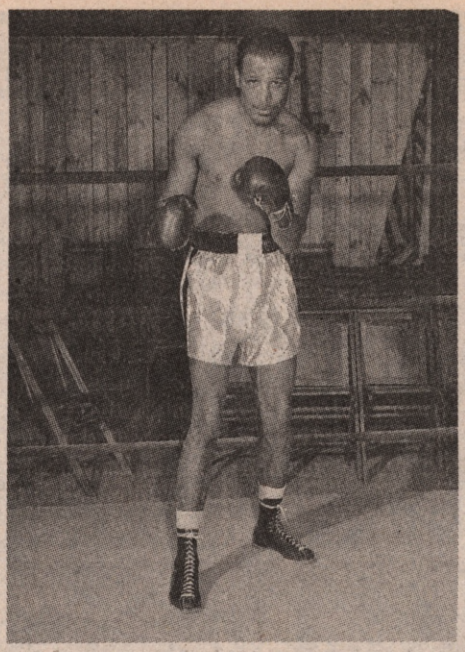


With Jake LaMotta helpless on the ropes, referee Frank Sykora awards Robinson the middleweight title in the 13th round at Chicago Stadium, February 14, 1951.



Robinson was still a 147-pounder when he knocked out former welterweight champion Fritzie Zivic at Madison Square Garden, January 16, 1942.



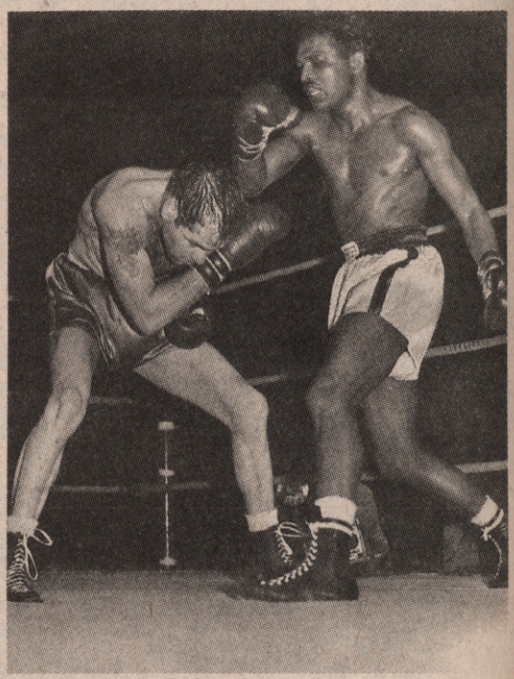
Sugar Ray Robinson: probably the best fighter, pound-for-pound, to ever grace the ring.

AY ROBINSON

Robinson peers from decorated window of barber shop in Harlem shortly after returning home after regaining the middleweight title for a third time with a spectacular second-round kayo over Bobo Olson.

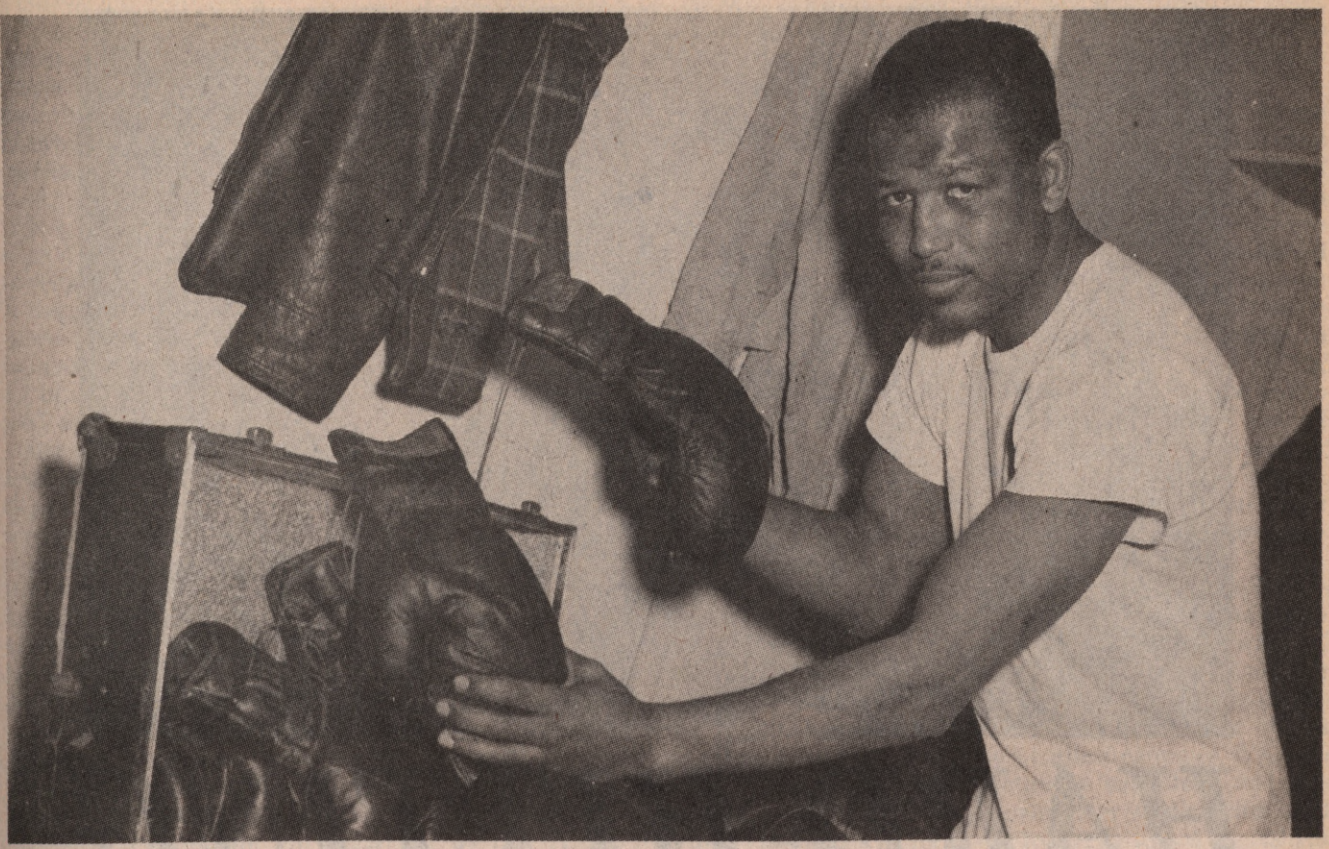
The King meets "The Count." Robinson hams it up with jazz great Count Basie.

We all know Robinson could cook in the ring, but here's a shot of him working his magic in the kitchen.



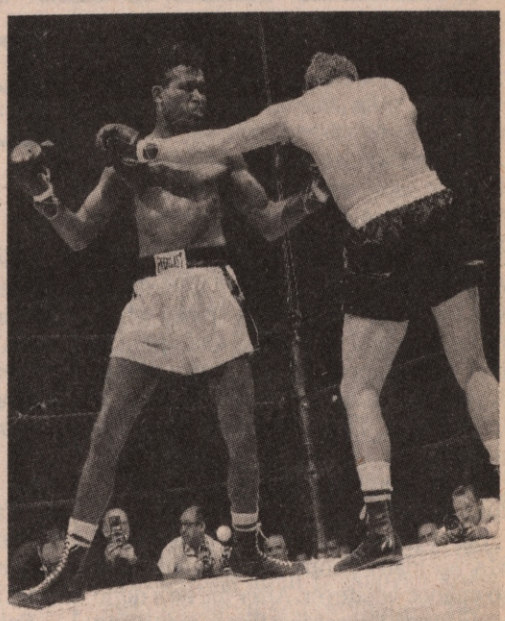
Robinson winds up with his left as Bobo Olson goes into a crouch during their 1952 match in San Francisco. Sugar Ray retained the middleweight crown with a unanimous 15-round decision.

SUGAR RAY



Have gloves will travel. Sugar Ray packs his equipment trunk in preparation for one of his many global journeys.

Robinson skips rope while training for first bout with Carmen Basilio. Sugar Ray's skill with the rope was such that he often drew crowds of over a thousand just to watch him jump.



Robinson was way past his prime when he outpointed Denny Moyer at Madison Square Garden in 1961, but he could still beat most of the top contenders.

ROBINSON

Mike Tyson and his bride, actress Robin Givens, spar a few rounds for the media at a New York City press conference hyping "Iron Mike's" Tokyo tiff with Tony Tubbs.

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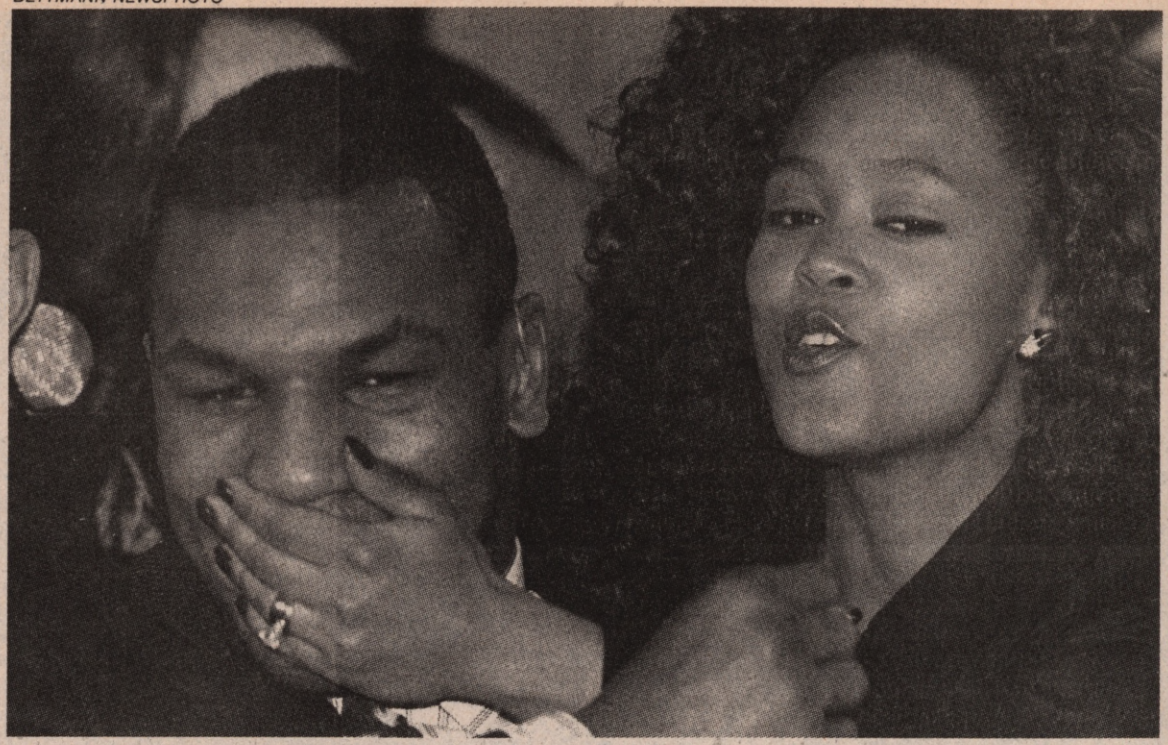

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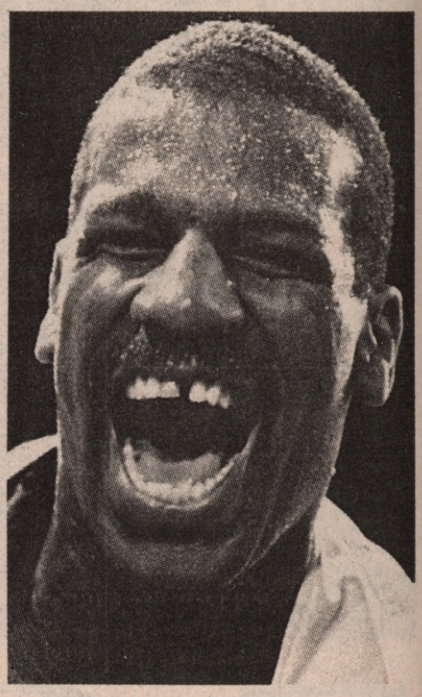
By Joseph D'O'Brian



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Heavyweight champion Michael Spinks yocks it up for the camera.

IN A WAY, I'M RATHER PLEASED THAT Mike Tyson is such a heavy favorite to beat the pants off Michael Spinks when the usurper and the rightful champ stage their own version of the Battle of the Boyne this summer. It means that if Spinks wins, I'll be a genius again for picking him — and if he loses, well, everyone knows I've made flaky predictions before.

But I have wondered a little about why so many people think Spinks has no chance whatever. After all, he's done some pretty impressive things in the ring himself, some of them every bit as impressive, in their way, as anything Tyson's done.

The problem, I think, is a matter of image. In this media-driven age, a boxer really has to have a gimmick — and preferably two or three — in order to get noticed and in order to convince everyone that his success is a foregone conclusion. Now Tyson is a helluva fighter, no question, but he's also got a suitcase full of gimmicks. Spinks has none. Tyson is Mr. Extraordinary; Spinks comes on like Mr. Milquetoast. Tyson is a straightforward fellow who appears complex; Spinks is exactly the opposite.

As a result, Tyson has managed to keep a very high profile, convince Joe Six-Pack that he's the rightful Boss and generally secure his place in boxing history before any of us know for sure just what kind of a place he'll finally deserve.

Spinks has been mighty low-key ever since he beat Larry Holmes back in 1985. He doesn't hang out much with other celebrities, doesn't get into any trouble, and generally gives you the impression that his idea of a swinging time is a good book and a big glass of chocolate milk.

Nothing wrong with that, of course, unless you're trying to sell yourself to the general public, in which case such

a lifestyle just don't cut it.

Tyson, on the other hand, has become almost more of a media creation than simply a talented athlete. Well, maybe it's unfair to call him a media creation. If anybody should take credit for creating Mike Tyson, it's him and his management.

Sure, the man is a tremendous talent when it comes to plain old ability, and he certainly seems to work his butt off in training. But he and his managers clearly know that that's not enough. If you look at the guy's whole career — out of the ring as well as inside it — you'll see what I'm talking about.

Almost as soon as we learned the guy could punch, we learned about his colorful past: growing up on the street, getting adopted and straightened out by the crusty but lovable old crumudgeon, Cus D'Amato, etc. We learned all about what a clean liver he was; whenever he was interviewed, we were treated to thoughtful, intelligent commentary delivered in that endearingly childish voice.

Tyson's managers, Jimmy Jacobs and Bill Cayton, are two of the sharper men in boxing: They knew enough to keep Tyson in everybody's face as much as possible. They got him on magazine covers, in gossip columns; they'd have sat him down at everyone's kitchen table if there'd been time enough.

And it seems like Tyson is just as smart about this sort of thing as his managers are. Even when he does something nasty, he does it in such a way that the publicity won't be entirely negative. When he gets a little obstreperous in a parking lot or speaks rudely to a reporter or a fan, the incident isn't always scored against him. Instead, it provokes a little lively debate among boxing fans, like so:

Fan A: "Ah, what do you expect? The pressure that's on the guy, and he's barely voting age. Look what a nice kid he is most of the time; I think we can forgive him for getting a little crazy now and then."

Fan B: "Forgive him, maybe, but don't kid yourself. The only reason he came on so clean-cut at the beginning was that Jacobs and Cayton taught him some manners and kept a tight leash on him. Now that he's made it to the top, he's just showing his true colors: He was born a street punk, and he'll die a street punk."

And then there's his recent marriage. Now, I don't for a minute mean to imply that his feelings for Robin Givens aren't genuine, but you've gotta admit that no image consultant in the world could have devised a better match. It's as though some fella was sitting around in an office saying to himself, "Hmmm. Lisa Bonet? No, too artsy. Madonna? Over the hill. Whitney Houston? Too famous. Hmmm. Yo, Joycie! Joycie, baby, get me Robin Givens' agent on the phone, would ja?"

Thinking about it, I've pretty well decided that Tyson's constant self-promoting is every bit as impressive as his fighting. When you look back at how fighters have hyped themselves over the years, I don't think you'll find anyone who was as professional, as always-on-target, as Tyson.

Muhammad Ali, of course, is the fighter who comes immediately to mind when you talk about the guys who hyped themselves expertly. And certainly Ali was successful. The difference between him and Tyson, though, is that Ali did not hype himself artistically. He was an artist indeed when he fought, but outside the ring he was about as subtle as Tabasco sauce. He just kept his big mouth going at all times, and we had no choice but to pay attention to him. Ali didn't much care if he was loved or hated: he just wanted to be noticed. Tyson seems to want a little more than that: I suspect he wants to be worshipped right away.

Those who remember Floyd Patterson's early career have a sort of a window onto the direction Tyson's taking. After all, Patterson was not only one of the first boxers to learn the importance of TV; he was also one of Cus D'Amato's earliest canvases. D'Amato hyped Patterson beautifully, and in a manner much like what's being used for Tyson today. Patterson was taught to fight in a style calculated to appeal to the TV fan, more than to the ringsider; his troubled childhood and his conversion to clean living were made much of; he was, after Joe Louis, one of the first boxers to be held up as a role model for America's youth.

Of course, Patterson was far from the first fighter to have a marketing gimmick. Primo Carnera's managers used his physical grotesqueness as a tool, surrounding him with tiny men at all times to make him look even more terrifying. Gene Tunney tried to use his fondness for books and intellectual pursuits as a means to getting people interested in him, and it worked, to an extent, although his insufferable priggishness blunted the impact somewhat.

Going way back to paleozoic times, we find that John L. Sullivan knew a little bit about self-promotion, too. At least he knew that once he got the ladies on his side the game would be won.

In the early years of his career, he was perceived by the general public as nothing but a big-mouthed bruiser who went around beating the crap out of anyone who got within reach of his fist. And this image stayed with him for

Floyd Patterson and Joe Louis hit the trail for this 1960 publicity photo taken while Patterson was training for his second bout with Ingemar Johansson. Floyd and manager Cus D'Amato were among the first to realize the importance of TV to a fighter's career.

"Two Ton" Tony Galento, seen here getting the wrinkles ironed out of his tummy in preparation for his 1939 bout with Joe Louis, exaggerated his poor physical condition until you'd have thought he was the fattest slob who ever lived.

some time, until he very intelligently granted an exclusive interview to Nellie Bly, probably the most famous female journalist of all time.

In her article, which appeared in the *New York World* shortly before Sullivan's bout with Jake Kilrain, Bly expressed surprise at Sullivan's polished manners and quiet demeanor; Sullivan, for his part, told Bly, "You are the first woman who ever interviewed me, and I have given you more than I ever gave any reporter in my life." And so much for Sullivan's reputation as a brute. His popularity grew apace until, by the time he finally lost the championship a few years later, his stature was that of a demi-god.

There have been lots of lesser gimmicks and marketing ploys, of course, used by lesser fighters. Tony Galento had some real beauties. He was a fat guy, and he apparently found it much easier to live with that fact than to try to take the weight off. So he went to the other extreme, exaggerating his poor physical condition until you'd have thought he was the fattest slob who ever lived. He seldom allowed himself to be photographed when he wasn't eating fattening foods or drinking beer. He'd organize really gross publicity stunts, like wrestling an octopus. (The octopus in question died the day after the wrestling match, some said from having been in the same water tank as Galento). He developed something of a cult following by being disgusting — a prototype John Belushi, so to speak.

Hector Camacho markets himself in much the same way, it seems. It's as though he goes out of his way to make himself look as tacky and lowclass as possible, wearing clothes that a self-respecting goat wouldn't allow himself

Gene Tunney cashes in on his All-American image by posing with Jiggs II, the bulldog which he presented to the Marine Corps as a mascot.

to be buried in, getting into sticky situations that sound to my untrained ear as though they all could have been avoided, allowing himself to be provoked by obnoxious fans when he could walk away, and so on and on. Maybe if you're stuck with a bad boy image, it's easier to just play it to the hilt, rather than change it. At all events, if that long-awaited piece of theatre between Camacho and Ray Mancini ever does come off, it'll be one of the most clear-cut nice-versus-nasty clashes in the history of pro wrestling.

We've got to come up with a good gimmick for Michael Spinks, though, and quickly, before the boxing public forgets who he is entirely. He's apparently not a homosexual or a Communist or a writer of disturbing fiction, so we can't use an unpopular cause as a gimmick. He doesn't seem very enthusiastic about the idea of committing crimes or acting like a jerk, so the bad boy image is out, too.

Maybe we could marry him off to Joyce Carol Oates, so as to attract the intellectual parlor liberal crowd. Or maybe involve him with Marie Osmond, in an effort to get Middle America in his corner.

Perhaps he could not show up for the Tyson fight at all, since he had promised months before to take a turn on the alto sax at Michael's Pub that night. After all, there's nothing quite so cool and refined and as calculated to get you into the spotlight as deliberately avoiding it. He'd make Tyson look like a real hick if he did that.

Of course, he could just show up and whip Tyson. That might help a little. But I wonder just how effective a marketing tool that would be in the long run. I think he'll still need something extra. □

Ring Side Reports

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

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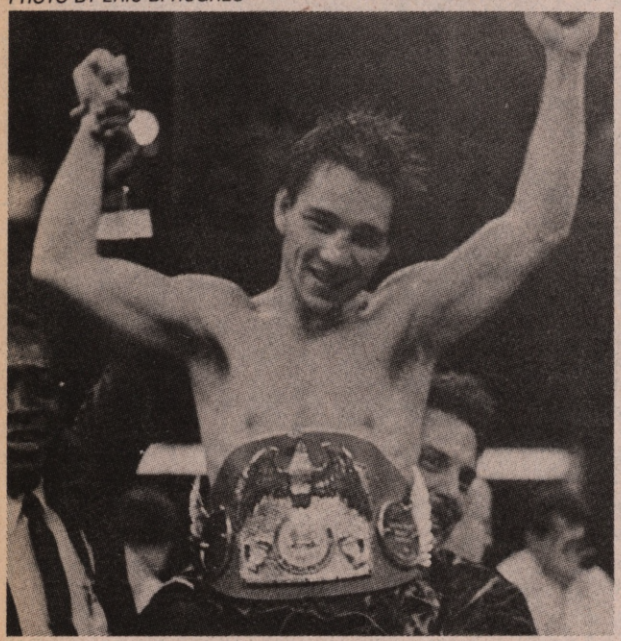

THE RING'S Fighter of the Month, Greg Haugen, celebrates regaining the IBF lightweight belt from Vinny Pazienza. Haugen won a unanimous 15-round decision to avenge last year's controversial loss to Pazienza.

GREG HAUGEN IS *THE RING'S* FIGHTER OF THE MONTH by virtue of his 15-round decision over Vinny Pazienza to regain the IBF lightweight crown. The rematch in Atlantic City was not nearly as close as their first encounter in Rhode Island. Haugen dominated the A.C. bout with smart boxing and crisp counterpunching. Paz, who suffered a broken nose, showed plenty of heart, but little else, losing the belt in his first defense.

This month's runner-up spot goes to **Buddy McGirt**, who reversed his lone pro loss by stopping Frankie Warren in the 12th round of their battle for the vacant IBF junior welterweight title.

Honorable mentions go to **Bernardo Pinango**, who decisioned Julio Gervacio to win the WBA junior featherweight title and **Kelvin Seabrooks**, who defended the IBF bantam belt with a second round TKO over Fernando Beltran. □

MCGIRT-WARREN
IBF Jr. Welterweight Title

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS—TO the surprise of all, hometowner Frankie Warren made no attempt to establish his bulling, mauling style on New York's Buddy McGirt.

Instead, Warren was content to meet McGirt at ring center in the first two rounds of their scheduled 15-round bout for the vacant IBF junior welterweight title.

McGirt, 138½, used his 3½-inch reach advantage throughout, spearing Warren, 137¼, repeatedly with his left jab and buckling him often with his right. By the end of Round Two Warren's left eye was already showing signs of swelling.

Warren lifted the spirits of his hometown fans briefly in the third as he began to stalk the New Yorker, even establishing a good jab of his own. A looping left at the close of the round had McGirt against the ropes, and Warren finished with a flurry.

But that outburst proved to be his best of the fight.

Warren continued chasing McGirt in the fourth, but McGirt was fighting well in reverse and with his back to the ropes. Warren's big chance came in this session when a looping left dazed McGirt. But an error by the timekeeper cut the round one minute short, and Warren's advantage was lost.

Taking advantage of Warren's swelling eye, McGirt landed two right hands at the close of Round Seven, and Warren wobbled back to his corner. He should have remained there as the following round became a nightmare. McGirt was getting the better of every exchange and only Warren's tremendous heart kept him in the fight. Warren did land a good left with about a minute remaining in that frame, but McGirt responded with his own left that had Warren temporarily defenseless. Another left put Warren down for the first time in his 25-bout career, and ring physician Xico Garcia was called in to examine Warren's eye, which prevented McGirt from following his advantage.

Warren's eye was completely closed after the ninth and, fearing the fight would be stopped, the Texan chased McGirt frantically in the 10th. But McGirt frustrated all of Warren's attempts to pin him to the ropes and at the end of the round held his own with Warren in a furious exchange.

By the 12th, Warren had become an easy target and when McGirt landed two powerful rights to Warren's closed left eye, referee Barry Yeats stepped in at 1:34. All three judges had McGirt ahead at the time.

Though the partisan crowd of 4,500 reacted vio-

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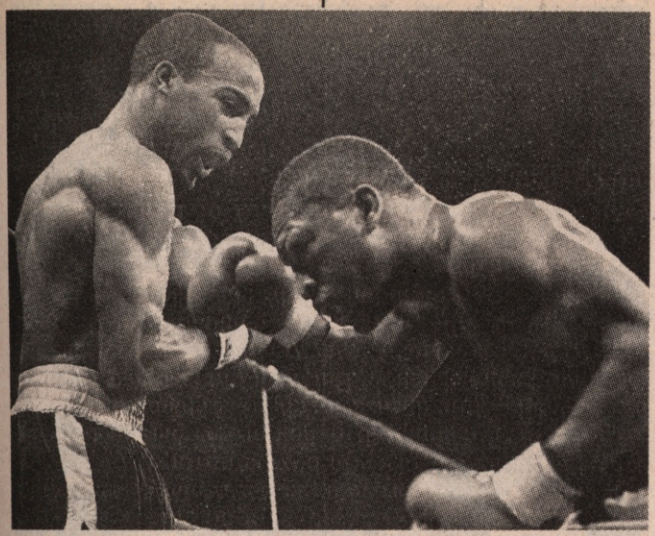


Buddy McGirt (left) on his way to a 12th-round TKO over Frankie Warren for the vacant IBF junior welterweight title. Note Warren's badly swollen eye.

lently, Warren's handlers made no protest. Later, Warren's co-trainer Lou Duva admitted, "Today wasn't Frankie's day. He tried, but you're not going to win fighting strictly on heart."

McGirt, 37-1-1, was gracious in victory, saying of Warren, "He's a machine, He just don't stop coming. Even when the referee stopped the fight he was coming."

On the undercard local favorite Roland Gomez TKO'd Mexico's Javier Diaz in Round Nine of their bantamweight bout. Each weighed 118, though Diaz usually fights as a flyweight. The awkward Mexican had Gomez missing badly through much of the fight, but the local fighter ended things with a quick right to the chin that didn't miss at 2:32.

Two Corpus Christi featherweights hit the deck in four furious minutes, Richard Salazar winning by TKO when Sal Carrillo went down for the third time at 42 seconds of the second round.

Corpus Christi's Ricky Alvarez improved to 7-12 with a six-round, split decision over Odessa, Texas' Barry Scarborough in a good lightweight bout.

Houston's Reggie Johnson overcame a first-round knockdown to earn a fifth-round TKO over Odessa's Victor Walker in a scheduled eight middleweight contest.

John Vasquez, Alice, Texas, took a unanimous, four-round verdict from Mexico's Piedras Negras in a flyweight match.
(2-14-88)

CHARLES YOUNTS

HAUGEN-PAZIENZA
IBF Lightweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—IT WAS billed as "Thunder and Lightning," Lou Duva promised "Fight of the Year," but after it was all over, the best description would be "We Told Ya So."

Greg Haugen, 135, Auburn, Wash., regained his lightweight diadem with a sound thrashing of champion Vinny Pazienza, 135, Cranston, RI, in a tension-filled 15. The air-tight verdict that passed the crown to Vinny in the first place had evoked such heated controversy, one might have to hearken back to Ad Wolgast–Joe Rivers to surpass it. In its wake there was nothing so much as satisfied smirks. Enjoying more notoriety than popularity outside Rhode Island, Paz had been branded a "hot-dog," a mere "parody of ring greatness." But he made a one-sided fight memorable nonetheless by giving his detractors what they'd come to see. No "discretionary valor," Paz went out on his shield.

Excuses for the resounding loss included Haugen's judicious use of the jab and the kind of up-to-date physical training brought in by that Mackie guy. Pazienza blamed his poor showing on relying solely on the knockout. But these were just the means to a foregone conclusion: on this day, Vinny just didn't have it. Far from a glorious reign, Pazienza's eight months in office had been a succession of broken noses and postponements. Moreso than bangers, brawlers or boxers of the classic, standup variety, razzle-dazzle artists like Paz tend to lose it all at once. Like finely tuned machines, once anything goes, everything goes.

Only two cornermen tended to a coldly confident challenger as he went through his final paces in the dressing room. They seemed buoyed by a report that Paz's cubicle was "a madhouse." Indeed, a noisy mob of well-wishers cheered vigorously as the champion tried nervously to pump himself up. A roar exploded when a TV monitor replayed Vinny's spectacular kayo of Melvin Paul. Then the throng swept excitedly into the Convention Hall arena.

It was all downhill from there.

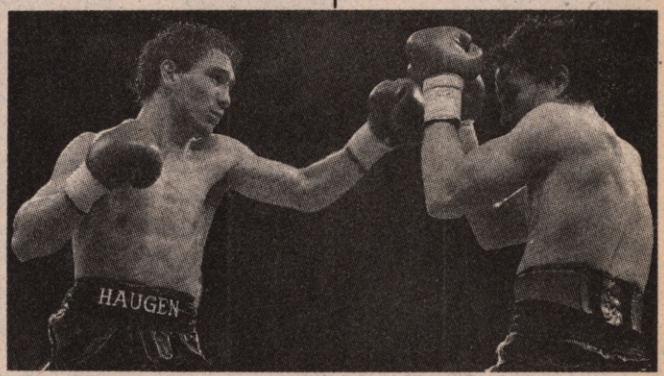
"When it's not your day, you feel it right away," Vinny lamented after. "When you warm up, you don't know. When you get in there, that's when you feel it."

He also felt Haugen's pinpoint jab, which the challenger established right away. Greg did a nifty job of stepping within range, then pistoning the left to keep Vinny floundering offshore. Paz's attempts at flash and dash lacked their usual panache as an uneasy quiet settled on his rooting section. It added nothing when the two engaged in nasty scuffling after the bell.

Paz glimmered briefly in a wide-open second. A left hook jolted the challenger and charged the champion, but Vinny's attack was wild. He stuck out his chin arrogantly, but missed the counter as Greg rallied to squelch the flurry. Again, nonsense followed the bell.

A tight contest broke open in the fifth when Haugen did likewise to the champion's Achilles heel . . . his nose. A big left struck a gusher as Vinny desperately held the ropes and jived to buy time. It worked for the moment, but the challenger swept the succeeding rounds with snappy combinations inside Pazienza's futile swings. When Dr. Frank Doggett visited Vinny's corner following the ninth, it looked all but over.

Rather than go slinking out with the doctor for an



Greg Haugen pumps out his left jab as Vinny Pazienza covers up. Haugen regained the IBF lightweight title with a 15-round unanimous decision, handing the "Pazmaian Devil" a solid thrashing.

alibi, Pazienza gave his fans a last ray of hope with a game effort at turning the tide. But his artless brawling in the next two rugged sessions took more out of Paz than out of Haugen. The final four was a gauntlet of torture for the bloodied champion as the challenger clearly relished his cakewalk to the throne.

An outstanding job of officiating was overshadowed by the coronation. Judges Stu Winston, Fla., and Garry Merritt, Ind., agreed on every round at 147-138. Localite Lynne Carter differed on only two, 145-140. Tony Perez refereed. Vinny suffered his second loss in 25 fights, while Greg went to 21-1-1.

"There's not an excuse in the world," the loser forthrightly declared. "He had my number tonight."

The new champion was more generous, saying, "He tried to make everyone happy, but he *can't* make everyone happy.You should worry about yourself."

Impressive Luis Lomeli, 136, Melrose Park, Ill., savagely destroyed Sal Cenicola, 135¼, Rivervale, NJ, at 1:34 of the second, scheduled 10. Sweeping rights twice dropped Sal, knocking him cold. Lomeli won his 20th without a loss, while Cenicola dropped to 18-2. Ref, Randy Neumann.

Mario Davis, 155, Buffalo, gained a split verdict over Joe Summers, 155, Salem, NJ, in a slugfest six. An exhausted Davis was down in the fifth, but rallied back to have Summers out on his feet at the final bell. Ref, Neumann.

Similarly, Jesus "Manny" Contreras, 196¼, Coventry, RI, came off the floor in the first to outlast and deck George Wilson, 199, Wilmington, for a TKO at 2:18 of the third, scheduled four. Ref, Paul Venti.

Greg Townes, 173, Providence, stopped an outclassed Warren Knotts, 169¼, Winston-Salem, NC, on his feet at 2:43 of the first, scheduled four. Ref, Venti.

Promoter: Dan Duva (Main Events) & Caesars Hotel & Casino.
Matchmaker: Johnny Bos.
Attendance: 6,000 (est.)
TV: ABC.
Judges (undercard): Eva Shain, Richard F. Murry & Rocky Castellani.
Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert.
Announcer: Frank Carpano.

(2-6-88)

J.R. JOWETT

STARLING-OZAKI
WBA Welterweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ—MARLON Starling did not keep his end of the bargain.

His next opponent, the man he won the title from, Mark Breland, fulfilled his obligation, but the titleholder slipped back into a lackadaisical mood, a countenance not unfamiliar to his critics. "The Magic Man" played his typical shell game defense, but lacked the offensive spark of prefight boastings such as "I'll crush him. I'll make him hurt," while taking a 12-round, unanimous decision over Tokyo's Fujio Ozaki in Convention Hall.

The Hartford, Connecticut titleholder, who weighed 145, had to be thankful his opponent, who weighed 146¼, was an optional challenger (rated No. 8 by the WBA) of limited skill and experience, with little punching power to speak of. Indeed, his 21-4, 14 KOs log going in was compiled completely in his homeland and a majority of those bouts were in the lightweight division. While the underdog was not much more than a pest, he nonetheless nearly stole the belt.

Overall, however, this was one "world" title bout that had absolutely no one sitting on the edge of his seat. In this instance, thanks for the 12-round distance. Fifteen rounds of this and even the judges would have been asleep.

The bout started slowly and didn't gather much steam along the way. On *The Ring* card it was relatively close, but Starling did land the cleaner, harder punches (what few there were). While Ozaki was the one coming forward the titleholder controlled the tempo, only letting Ozaki get away with so much.

Every once in awhile Starling would get mad enough to swat this insolent visitor from the Far East who dared not lay down. Starling is a skilled defensive boxer, but his mocking offensive was offensive to the paying customer. His longer jab and sporadically effective right uppercut had Ozaki leery of launching any kamikaze blitzes. By Round Six the remaining fans (Breland and Roberto Duran had already done their thing) started the booing routine. Starling was shutting down Ozaki, but failed to shut up the crowd.

A rare, eye-opening exchange in the seventh quieted the catcalls, but Starling would have none of that. He was too much in a funk to take a positive stance and get this thing over with. Ozaki was making Starling look bad, but wasn't really accomplishing a consistent scoring attack of his own. Starling would repeatedly back to the ropes and go into his shell to fend off the cuffing punches of the challenger.

To say the least, it wasn't a stellar performance by a man making his initial title defense. By Round 11 he looked perplexed. At the finish he looked relieved. His new trainer, Eddie Futch, looked bad.

Judge Wiso Fernandez scored 118-110, Rodolfo Maldonado saw it 117-114 and Carlos Sucre carded 117-112. *The Ring* had it 116-114 for Starling, who is 43-3, 26 by KO. Steve Smoger was the non-scoring referee.

After, Starling knew he had not looked good.

"What fight?" was his answer to the first question, but he praised the challenger, adding, "Ozaki fought a good fight. He came here to win, not just to show up."

Starling blamed his low weight as a factor in his showing, saying, "I was kind of sluggish, I was a little weak. I could have looked a lot sharper. I should have tried to increase the intensity in some of the rounds."

(2-5-88)

JACK OBERMAYER

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Marlon Starling (right) on his way to a boring points win over Japanese challenger Fujio Ozaki in Atlantic City. Starling successfully defended the WBA welterweight title in a tepid bout which provided very little in the way of entertainment.

DURAN-STACKHOUSE

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ—AT 36, Roberto Duran is in the middle of a mid-life crisis.

No longer is he the feared Manos de Piedra of the 1970s. No longer is he full of fire, brimstone and Neanderthal savagery. He has become a lamb in pig's clothing at 162 soft and cuddly pounds.

He even had the audacity to enter the Convention Hall ring with a sheepish (embarrassed?) smile, then walked to his opponent's corner for a pre-fight handshake!

Talk about mellowing!

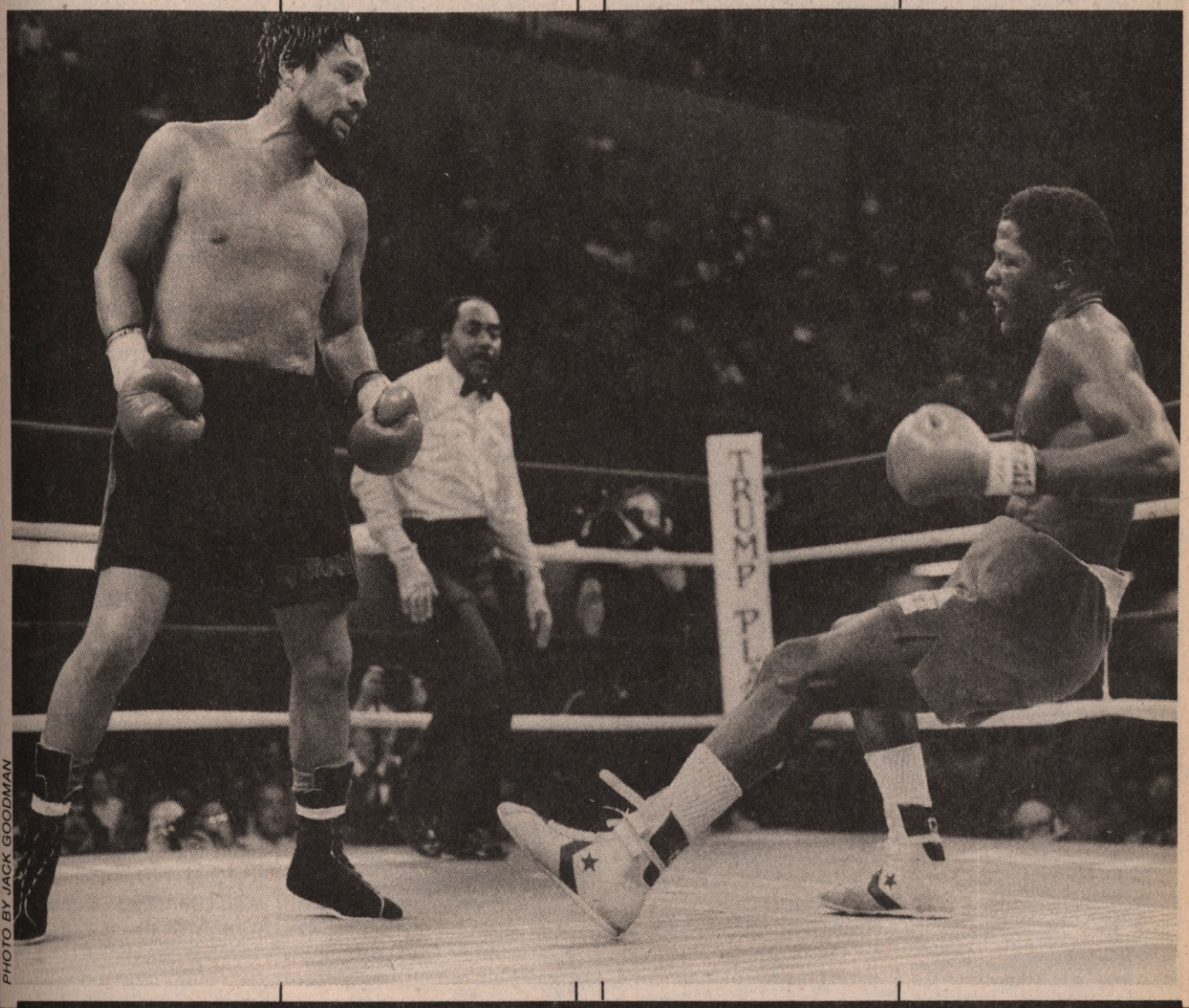
That move may have won his fight against 163-pound Ricky Stackhouse on the undercard of the Starling-Ozaki title fight. It put the South Carolinian from Myrtle Beach in a no-win situation. How could anyone appreciate him beating up a nice old man, a legend entering his 22nd year as a pro boxer?

Falling short in at least appearing physically fit, Duran used guile and pacing to capture a rather one-sided, 10-round drubbing of Stackhouse, who just couldn't deal with all those years of knowledge standing before him.

Duran used his right effectively, while Stackhouse had a fairly active jab, but it was Duran's wealth of experience that allowed him to score convincingly whenever his waist line would allow. Duran would slip inside the jab to tattoo the body and as early as Round Two had his opponent's mouthpiece out with a jarring right counter shot. In these early rounds, Stackhouse stayed in the fight, but Duran was slowly chopping his man down. In Round Five Stackhouse was visibly shaken, while Duran's ever so subtle defense kept him out of harm's way.

Stackhouse was becoming disheartened. Only a jarring left hook in Round Two highlighted an otherwise anemic offense. Two clubbing rights in the sixth dropped Ricky and if it hadn't been for Duran's concern over springing a leak himself, Stackhouse may not have survived.

The highlight of the evening came in the eighth. Duran turned back the



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A pudgy Roberto Duran watches Ricky Stackhouse head for the floor after connecting with a potent combination. Stackhouse survived two trips to the canvas, but lost a unanimous decision to Duran, who is in the 22nd year of his amazing career.

pages of time and, to the utter delight of the crowd, put together a machine-gun like five-punch combo that put Stackhouse down again. However, it was too much to ask this aging warrior to get up the energy to finish off his victim, and Stackhouse turned lefty to avoid the early ending.

Duran hurt Stackhouse early in the ninth, but by now had surrendered his killer instinct to Father Time as he eased off, actually letting Stackhouse win the final three minutes.

Frank Cairo and Frank Brunette scored 96-92, while Rich Strange called it 98-91. *The Ring* card read 99-89, giving Stackhouse only the 10th, the only round he won on all three cards. Rudy Battle was the referee.

Duran is 82-7 with 59 KOs, while Stackhouse slipped to 19-6 with 10 KOs.

"I wasn't confident in my condition," admitted Duran. "I felt good, but I worried about my arms. I took my time with Stackhouse because I wasn't in the best of shape. If I was in condition I could have stopped him in four or five rounds. I'm really happy I went 10 rounds in this condition. Now I promise to be in terrific condition. I'm going to go right back to the gym."

Also on the Starling-Ozaki undercard, Mark Breland, 146, Brooklyn, the once and future (?) WBA welterweight king, took a vacation from his normal aloof performances by dispatching overmatched Juan Alonso Villa, 147, Guadalajara, Mexico, in proper fashion.

The scheduled 10 ended at 2:03 of Round Three with referee Joe O'Neil ruling a TKO win for the now 20-1, 13 KOs, former Olympic champion.

Breland did just what he was supposed to do as he went right out and took control early behind his lengthy jab and following right. Villa certainly bit off more than he could chew and got pummelled for his feeble efforts. Dropped once in Round Two and again in the third, he was trapped on the ropes when O'Neil had seen enough.

"Thinking about Starling makes me angry," said Breland. "I wanted to get this fight over with. It would have been frustrating to go the 10 rounds."

In a scheduled eight, Jackie Beard, 133, Jackson, Tennessee, won a first-round knockout over Ray Doughty, 132, Waterbury, Vermont. The time was 1:05. The lone knockdown came via a short right. As Doughty tried to right himself, he somehow lost his balance and returned to the canvas where O'Neil counted him out.

Keith Grimes, 138¼, Baltimore, and Bryan Brown, 133¾, Lexington, Kentucky, boxed to a six-round, split decision draw. Grimes took the lead in rounds two and three, but Brown dug down and took the final session to get a draw on *The Ring* card, 57-57. Brunette had it 58-56, Grimes, while Cairo had the same score for Brown. Strange agreed with *The Ring*. O'Neil reffed.

In a scheduled six, Bill Robinson, 155, Brooklyn, won by TKO at 1:33 of Round Two over Bryan's brother, Jerry, 149¾. A right hand started Brown's downfall. It was followed by a standing eight from Battle, and the stoppage came shortly thereafter.

Promoters: Cedric Kushner Productions Ltd. & Trump Plaza.
Timekeeper: Justin Bucanico.
TV: Pay-per-view.
Attendance: 4,925.
Gross: $198,360.
(2-5-88)

JACK OBERMAYER

TATE-SIBSON
IBF Middleweight Title

STAFFORD, ENGLAND—American Frank Tate preserved his unbeaten record and kept his IBF middleweight title, knocking out British challenger Tony Sibson in 2:53 of Round 10 of a scheduled 12 at Bingley Hall.

The bout was originally scheduled for 15 rounds, the IBF rule for world championships. However, the British Boxing Board of Control, who, along with the WBC and WBA favor the 12-round distance, refused to recognize the contest for a world title and threatened that any of its license holders associated with the show would face disciplinary action.

Promoter Frank Warren said that whatever happened he would go through with the show, and in the end IBF chief Bobby Lee was called in and agreed to reduce the bout to 12 rounds.

But Warren's troubles weren't over. Just before the start of the main event, containers containing CS gas were sprayed into the crowd and a bunch of youths, intent on causing trouble, started fights outside the ring. It was alleged two or three gangs were involved. A policeman had to be taken to the hospital, some fans were treated and some youths were arrested.

"Regarding the allegations that alcohol was responsible, they didn't get it in the hall," said Board of Control secretary John Morris. "Being a Sunday, they probably had a long lunch hour and a few drinks before they got to the hall and arrived the worse for wear. But alcohol should not be on sale at major venues.

"An inquiry will be held," added Morris. "It is obvious that something must be done. And we will bring in the promoters. After all, they're the ones who put up the money, so we must back them up."

Said Warren, "I suppose the responsibility is mine, but, in my opinion, this was premeditated. A couple of lunatics who obviously obtained canisters of CS gas were not drunk when they obtained them. They came with the deliberate intention of letting them off. My security arrangements were very good, 100 police and services personnel."

One affected by the gas was former heavyweight contender Henry Cooper, who was on hand to provide radio commentary. Using the mike, Cooper appealed to the fans, "Those who caused this trouble are not true fans, so please give Sibbo and Tate the chance to get on with the fight."

The short delay did not seem to have affected the principals, particularly Sibson, who started like a house afire, brimming with confidence as he took the fight to the titleholder, though he had to concede inches in height and reach. He came forward, throwing punches with both hands as Tate remained content to poke out the odd counterpunch. Things continued in the same vein in rounds two and three. Anyone not knowing which boxer was which might have thought the stylish Tate was the Britisher and the aggressive Sibson the American.

There was no doubt Tate was the better boxer, but, assuming marks are awarded for aggression and the number of punches, Sibson was doing very well during that early stage.

Sibson's first setback occurred in Round Four when Tate switched tactics and came forward to catch his opponent with stiff left jabs and following right hooks. Sibson had to hang on momentarily, but pluckily was back swapping punches at the end of the round. But Tate had shown what he was capable of and one had the feeling he was biding his time.

Sibson held his own over the next three rounds but after an initial two-handed flurry by the challenger began Round Eight Tate moved in and took the play away from Sibson, shortening his jab and working more in close. At the end of Round Eight, one of Tate's cornermen shouted to Tate, "Think of the family — and God." Whether he did so or not, we don't know. But a change came over the fight. No longer was Sibson the strong, confident character. He appeared tired and was allowing Tate far too much rope.

For the first time the titleholder not only took the initiative, but held it. That long left was landing repeatedly on Sibson's face and Tate was using his right more. Meanwhile, he was making Sibson miss.

Sibson seemed to have recovered at the start of Round 10 and traded punches with Tate, but the latter was now moving into top gear, boxing coolly and with confidence. Even so, it came as a shock when, just seconds before the end of the round, Tate threw three

successive lefts to the body and, as Sibson brought his guard down, over came a long, lethal right and down he went. As he lay there, he was conscious enough to take his gumshield out of his mouth and scramble upright, but it was too late as referee Frank Cappuccino counted him out.

It was a disappointing end for Sibbo, but he had given everything he had and proved himself a worthy challenger. His first act was to congratulate Tate and announce his retirement at the age of 29 after 12 years in the pro ranks. He had held British, European and Commonwealth titles and his home town of Leicester and indeed all of Britain can be proud of him.

"I was all right up to the eighth," said Sibson. "Then I felt I was drifting out of the fight, and I couldn't get back. I lost concentration."

(2-6-88)

RON OLVER

FOREMAN-TRANE

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—PERhaps he would have liked a prolonged exercise, but George Foreman's deportment unveiled compassion in a recent outing at Caesars Palace's sports pavilion.

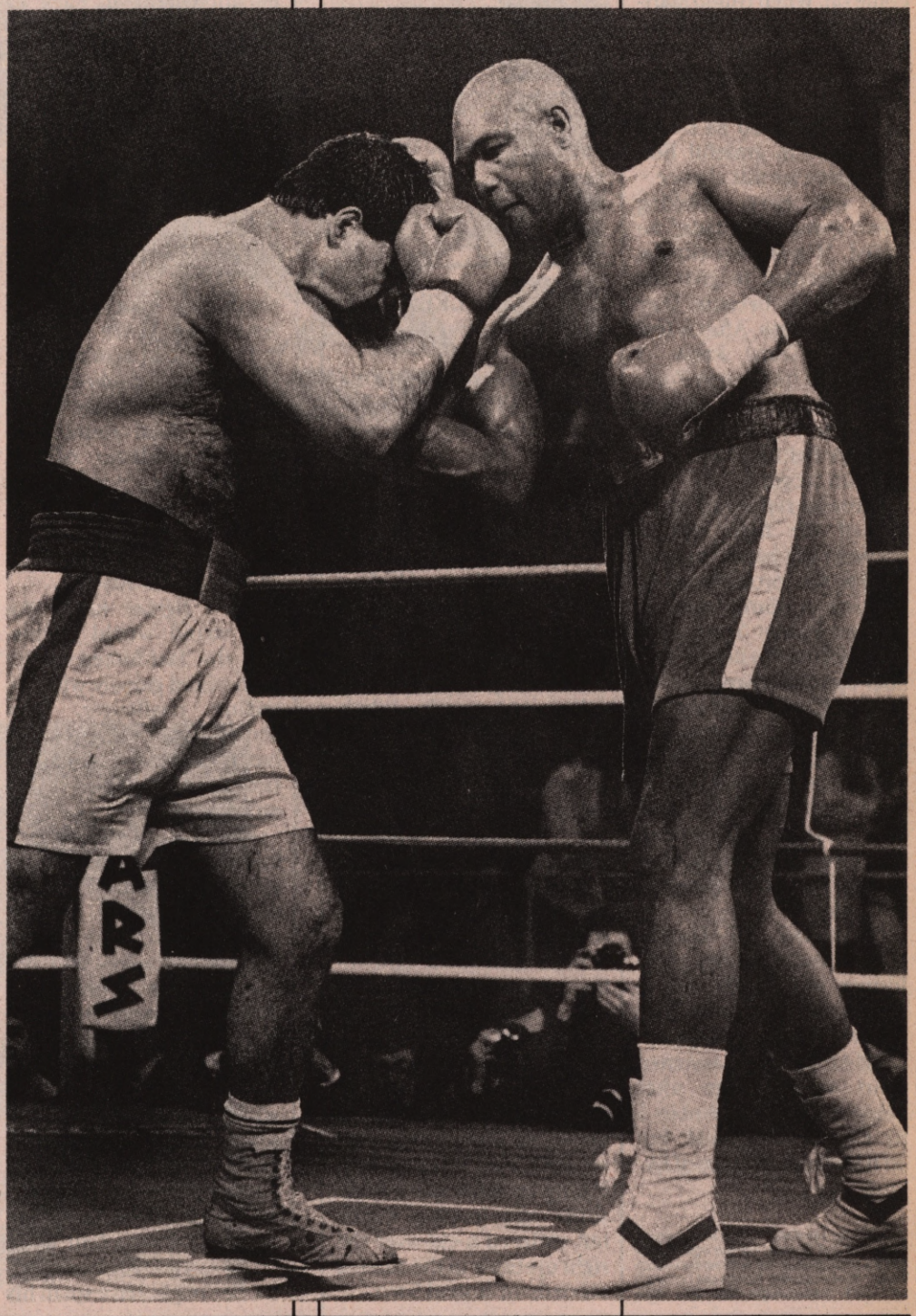
The big guy had been hammering game, but limited Guido Trane pretty good for 12 minutes when he beckoned for referee Mills Lane to check the Italian's countenance late in the fifth round. Trane's nose, seeping blood from the first round, was fast becoming a misshapened tomato and a national television audience watching Top Rank's ESPN series probably got the message, too.

Mills led the 29-year-old from Brindisi to a corner inspection by Dr. Donald Romeo, who let the mismatch continue, but just briefly. Big George, 244, Houston, Texas, caught Trane, 215, with two booming lefts to the body and a whistling right hand that opened a cut on the Italian's left eyelid. When Mills took the staggered Trane back to Romeo, he didn't have to be told "stop it."

"There's no question Trane was getting hit bad with a jab, and I really thought his nose might be fractured," said Lane. "Anyway, he wasn't going to beat Foreman."

Foreman, who recorded

Despite a few anxious moments, George Foreman overcame Italian heavyweight champ Guido Trane for a fifth-round TKO in Las Vegas.



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his seventh straight comeback victory, improved his log to 52-2 with 49 KOs, while Trane fell to 13-7-4 with nine KOs.

Foreman, sporting a slight mouse under his left eye, was gracious later, saying, "Guido is my toughest fight since I came back. After two rounds this guy started to come on. When Guido started on my body, it gave me a chance to get in some good shots. I still have the same punch I had 10 years ago. I'm as good as I ever was and I'm grateful Bob Arum gave me this chance.

"I was never thinking about going 10 rounds," he added. "I want knockouts, and I decided to give the public a KO because they expect it of me. After a few punches, Trane knew, 'I can't walk on George Foreman.' Mike Tyson is the seat I'd like to be sitting in, but no more fighting Italians . . . you can forget it."

Foreman reportedly came out of the fight with a bruised right hand, but later George was pronounced fit to keep a March date at Caesars Palace. Arum originally planned to book Foreman opposite Sweden's 6-7 Anders Eklund, but the 6-3 Foreman quickly announced Eklund "was too tall because we are looking for short guys with styles similar to Tyson. Boxers who won't run and are always coming forward to generate the action."

Enter the 5-7 Dwight Muhammad Qawi, the former world light heavyweight champion who later won the WBA junior heavyweight title. It was assumed Qawi would retire after being stopped December 5 by Evander Holyfield, but he'll be there in place of Eklund.

After the semifinal 12, neither Bernard Taylor nor Jeff Franklin had the right to beef about a draw decision that enabled the veteran Taylor, from Knoxville, Tennessee, to retain his NABF featherweight title. Both blew chances for victory.

If there was any consolation for the 25-year-old Franklin of Las Vegas it was that judge Jerry Roth saw it for him, 115-113, while the other judges, Art Lurie and Chuck Giampa, had it 114-114.

The dead heat left the 30-year-old Taylor 39-2-2 with 17 KOs, while Franklin's log reads 18-2-3 with seven KOs.

Gert Bo Jacobsen, 137, Aars, Denmark, made his U.S. debut successful by shaking off a third-round knockdown to stop Tucson's Joey Medina, 137, when the latter was unable to answer the bell for the seventh round of the scheduled eight. Jacobsen, 25-0 with 17 KOs, dropped Medina, 14-7 with seven KOs, twice in the sixth with a heavy body attack.

Nigeria's Joe Lasisi, 177, was lucky to gain a unanimous, eight-round decision over Jimmy Bills, 175½, Vallejo, California. There were no knockdowns as Lasisi moved to 14-0 with 13 KOs, while Bills fell to 10-7-5 with five KOs.

Henry Anaya, 146½, Albuquerque, New Mexico, moved to 6-0 with three KOs when he decked Ernest Curtis, 147, Los Angeles, three times in the opening round for a TKO at 2:10. Curtis fell to 13-4 with seven KOs.
(2-5-88)

JACK WELSH

IOKA-LEE
(WBC Strawweight Title

OSAKA, JAPAN—HIROKI IOKA, Japan's 19-year-old WBC strawweight champion, was without his 73-year-old American trainer Eddie Taunsend, but still kept his title, stopping Korean Kyung-Yun Lee at 1:36 of the 12th and final round before 13,560 in Osaka Castle International Culture and Sports Hall.

Taunsend, of Hawaii, was willing to work Ioka's corner, but a battle with lung cancer prevented him from serving as his young charge's second. After the fight, Taunsend suddenly worsened and was taken from the dressing room to the hospital, where he died at one a.m.

Both entered the fight unbeaten, with Lee, a former IBF titleholder, considered a formidable challenger.

Lee, much shorter than the 5-7 Ioka, was the aggressor from the start, taking three of the first four rounds. The Korean kept boring in with good body shots and looping rights, but suffered a cut over the right eyebrow in the closing seconds of Round Two.

Lee's corner kept the cut under control, but Ioka seized command in the fifth when he landed a solid left hook and followed with a barrage of punches, pinning Lee to the ropes. In the sixth, Ioka used his footwork, moving and sticking effectively.

But Lee showed his determination, coming back to dominate the next three rounds. The 5-2 Korean battered Ioka from all angles and had him on the defensive.

However, the tide turned again. Encouraged by his corner, Ioka cut loose in Round 10, connecting with straight punches and sharp left hooks on the fading challenger. Ioka continued his success in the 11th.

The official scoring later announced showed how close the fight was going into the final round. Anthony Castellano of the United States scored 105-104 for Ioka, Jerry Roth of the U.S. saw it 105-104 for Lee and Mexico's Jose Guerra had it 105-105.

Each fighter knew the last round would decide, and the fast-footed champion mixed gamely with the willing challenger. Ioka scored with wicked overhand rights and combinations, but the Korean was still scrappy.

Finally, Lee fell on his knees near the ropes. He got up, but appeared groggy and exhausted. Ioka swarmed over him with a flurry of punches and referee Martin Denkin of California wisely declared a stoppage, raising the teenager's hand.

Ioka jumped for joy, while the crestfallen loser returned to his corner gloomily and wobbily. The victory left Ioka 10-0 with six knockouts as Lee dropped to 11-1 with four KOs.

It was a good see-saw battle. Lee might have spent his energy in the earlier rounds, while Ioka saved his stamina to wait for openings in the later rounds, a strategy that proved successful.

Promoter: Green Tusda Promotions.
(1-31-88)

JOE KOIZUMI

CHITALADA-KAMISHIRO
World Flyweight Title

OSAKA, JAPAN—WORLD FLYweight champion Sot Chitalada of Thailand continued his dominance of the 112-pound division as he ventured to the backyard of Hideako Kamishiro to stop his Japanese challenger at the close of Round Seven of a scheduled 12-round bout.

Kamishiro was cut over the left eye and defenseless at the close of the seventh and there was little point in continuing. The world champion had proven by that juncture that he was he was far superior to his challenger in both offense and defense, scoring at will with a jarring jab and quick combinations.

That accurate jab opened a cut over Kamishiro's right eye as early as the second round, then busted the challenger wide open in the final frame, leaving Kamishiro virtually blind.

Chitalada, known as "The Muhammad Ali of the Orient," was making the sixth defense of the crown he won from Mexico's Gabriel Bernal in 1984 and the victory improved his record to 14-1-1 with 10 knockouts.

Kamishiro, unranked by *The Ring*, was rated No. 9 by the WBC though he entered the fight with a record of just 7-0, six of the wins coming by KO.

Promoter: Green Tsuda Promotions.
(1-31-88)

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World flyweight champion Sot Chitalada (left) has Japanese challenger Hideaki Kamishiro bleeding and ready to go during their bout in Osaka, Japan. Chitalada, known as the "Muhammad Ali of the Orient," retained the title with a TKO at the end of the seventh round.

WBC "strawweight" king Hiroki Ioka connects with a right to the head of Korean challenger Kyung-Yun Lee en route to a 12th-round TKO victory. The bout was part of the double championship bill which also featured Chitalada-Kamishiro.

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The RING RATINGS AS OF MARCH 3, 1988

HEAVYWEIGHTS (No Weight Limit) WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS	Missouri
1. Mike Tyson	New York
2. Evander Holyfield	Georgia
3. Tim Witherspoon	Pennsylvania
4. Tony Tucker	Michigan
5. Carl Williams	New York
6. Pinklon Thomas	Michigan
7. Trevor Berbick	Florida
8. Adilson Rodrigues	Brazil
9. Tyrell Biggs	Pennsylvania
10. Mike Weaver	California

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS (Not Over 175 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT

1. Charles Williams	Ohio
2. Virgil Hill	North Dakota
3. Bobby Czyz	New Jersey
4. Leslie Stewart	Trinidad
5. Dennis Andries	England
6. Tony Willis	Illinois
7. Don Lalonde	Canada
8. Chong-Pal Park	Korea
9. Lindell Holmes	Michigan
10. Ramzi Hassan	California

MIDDLEWEIGHTS (Not Over 160 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT

1. Thomas Hearns	Michigan
2. Marvin Hagler	Massachusetts
3. Frank Tate	Texas
4. Sumbu Kalambay	Italy
5. Mike McCallum	Jamaica
6. Michael Nunn	California
7. Michael Olajide	Canada
8. Iran Barkley	*New York*
9. Matthew Hilton	*Canada*
10. Herol Graham	*England*

WELTERWEIGHTS (Not Over 147 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

JORGE VACA	Mexico
1. Marlon Starling	Connecticut
2. Lloyd Honeyghan	England
3. Maurice Blocker	Washington, D.C.
4. Mark Breland	New York
5. Simon Brown	Washington, D.C.
6. Rollin Williams	Arizona
7. Juan Martin Coggi	Argentina
8. Tyrone Trice	Michigan
9. Roger Mayweather	Nevada
10. James McGirt	New York

LIGHTWEIGHTS (Not Over 135 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT

1. Julio Cesar Chavez	Mexico
2. Greg Haugen	Washington
3. Pernell Whitaker	Virginia
4. Jose Luis Ramirez	Mexico
5. Edwin Rosario	Puerto Rico
6. Meldrick Taylor	Pennsylvania
7. Vinny Pazienza	Rhode Island
8. Primo Ramos	Mexico
9. Rocky Lockridge	New Jersey
10. Amancio Castro	Colombia

FEATHERWEIGHTS (Not Over 126 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA	Venezuela
1. Jeff Fenech	Australia
2. Calvin Grove	Pennsylvania
3. Bernardo Pinango	Venezuela
4. Jeff Franklin	Nevada
5. Victor Callejas	Puerto Rico
6. Hector Lopez	California
7. Marcos Villasana	Mexico
8. Steve Cruz	Texas
9. Julio Gervacio	Dominican Republic
10. Louie Espinoza	Arizona

BANTAMWEIGHTS (Not Over 118 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT

1. Miguel Lora	Colombia
2. Kaosai Galaxy	Thailand
3. Kelvin Seabrooks	South Carolina
4. Sugar Baby Rojas	Colombia
5. Raul Perez	Mexico
6. Wilfredo Vasquez	Puerto Rico
7. Santos Laciar	Argentina
8. Gilberto Roman	Mexico
9. Takuya Muguruma	Japan
10. Gaby Canizales	Texas

FLYWEIGHTS (Not Over 112 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA	Thailand
1. Jung-Koo Chang	Korea
2. Fidel Bassa	Colombia
3. Myung-Woo Yuh	Korea
4. Hilario Zapata	Panama
5. Chang-Ho Choi	Korea
6. Gabriel Bernal	*Mexico*
7. Dodie Penalosa	*Philippines*
8. Paul Gonzales	California
9. Benedicto Murillo	Panama
10. Duke McKenzie	England

The RING CALENDAR JUNE 1988

Roberto Duran

1 WEDNESDAY
1943—"Two Ton" Tony Galento KO1 Herbie Katz, Tampa, Florida.

2 THURSDAY
1924—Mickey Walker W10 Lew Tendler, Philadelphia, (retained world welterweight title).

3 FRIDAY
1932—Hogan "Kid" Bassey (Okon Bassey Asuquo) born Calaber, Nigeria.

4 SATURDAY
1986—Bernardo Pinango W15 Gaby Canizales, E. Rutherford, New Jersey (won world bantamweight title).

5 SUNDAY
1940—Billy Conn W15 Gus Lesnevich, Detroit (retained world light heavyweight title).

6 MONDAY
1894—Harry Greb born Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

7 TUESDAY
1920—Sam Langford KO9 Roughhouse Ware, New Orleans.

8 WEDNESDAY
1943—Willie Pep W15 Sal Bartolo, Boston (retained world featherweight title).

9 THURSDAY
1978—Carlos Zarate KO4 Emilio Hernandez, Las Vegas, Nevada (retained WBC bantamweight title).

10 FRIDAY
1910—Stanley Ketchel KO5 Jim Smith (Ketchel's last bout).

11 SATURDAY
1958—Yama Bahama W10 Kid Gavilan (Gavilan's last pro bout).

12 SUNDAY
1930—Max Schmeling WF4 Jack Sharkey (only time heavyweight championship was won on a foul).

13 MONDAY
1972—Florentino Fernandez KO1 Paul Kasper, Key Biscayne (Fernandez's last pro victory).

14 TUESDAY
1952—Mike Weaver born Gatesville, Texas.

15 WEDNESDAY
1984—Thomas Hearns KO2 Roberto Duran, Las Vegas, Nevada.

16 THURSDAY
1951—Roberto Duran born Guarare, Panama.

17 FRIDAY
1979—Danny "Little Red" Lopez KO15 Mike Ayala (retained world featherweight title, *The Ring's* Fight of the Year.

18 SATURDAY
1941—Joe Louis KO13 Billy Conn (retained heavyweight title).

19 SUNDAY
1943—Jackie Paterson KO1 Peter Kane, Glasgow, Scotland (won world flyweight title).

20 MONDAY
1972—Masao Ohba KO5 Orlando Amores, Tokyo (retained WBA flyweight title).

21 TUESDAY
1948—Lionel Rose born Drouin, Victoria, Australia.

22 WEDNESDAY
1909—Battling Nelson KO5 Jack Clifford, Oklahoma City (retained world lightweight title).

23 THURSDAY
1933—Barney Ross W10 Tony Canzoneri, Chicago (won world lightweight title, *The Ring's* Fight of the Year).

24 FRIDAY
1895—Jack Dempsey born Manassa, Colorado.

25 SATURDAY
1948—Joe Louis KO11 Jersey Joe Walcott (retained heavyweight title).

26 SUNDAY
1959—Ingemar Johansson KO3 Floyd Patterson (won world heavyweight title, *The Ring's* Fight of the Year).

27 MONDAY
1914—Jack Johnson W20 Frank Moran, Paris, France (retained world heavyweight title).

28 TUESDAY
1909—Jack "Kid" Berg (Judah Bergman) born London, England.

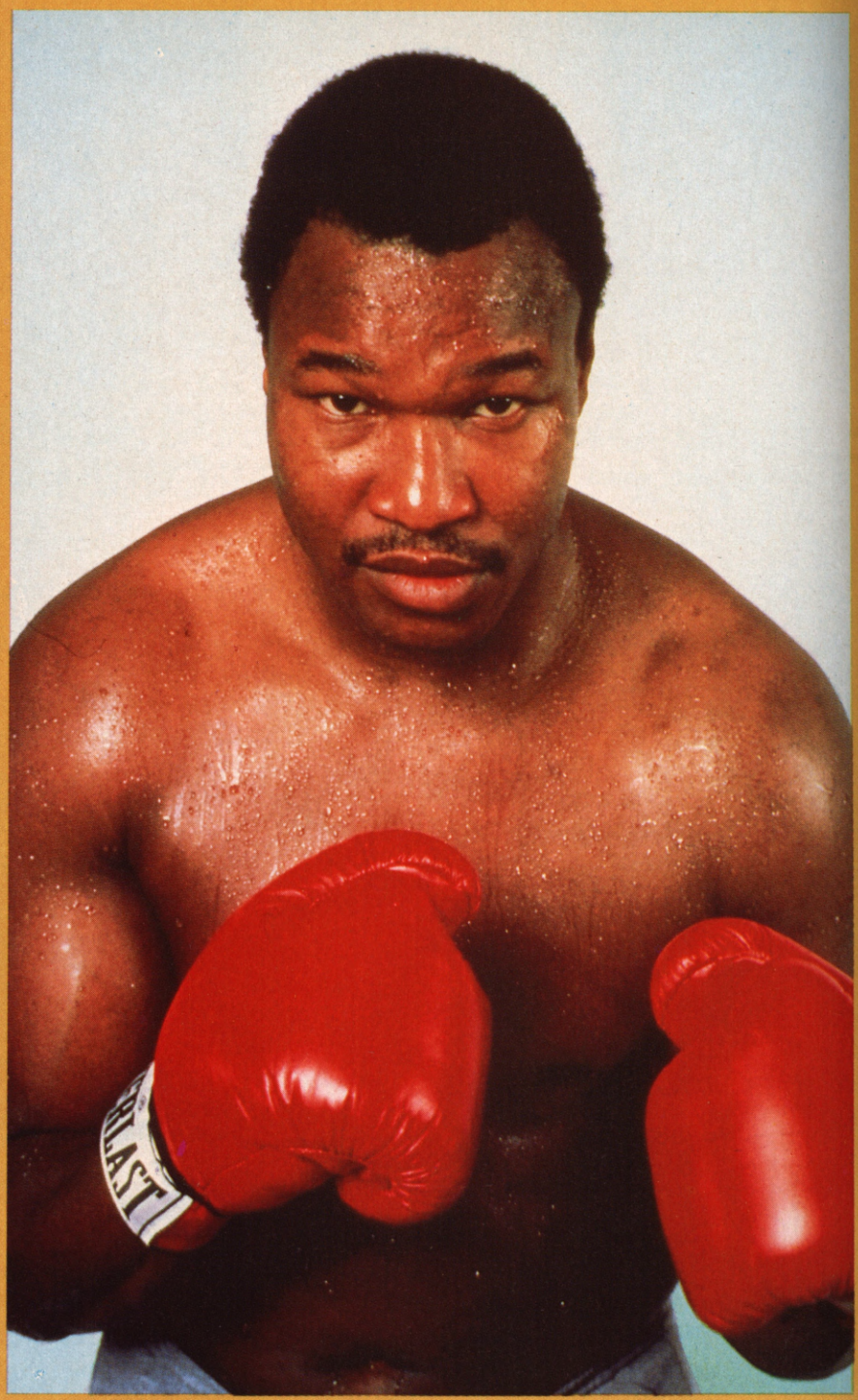
29 WEDNESDAY
1967—Primo Carnera died in Sequals, Italy.

30 THURSDAY
1966—Mike Tyson born Brooklyn, New York.

HOMAGE TO HOLMES

The Ring's Las Vegas Bureau Chief Pays Tribute To The "Easton Assassin"

by Jack Welsh



MAYBE WHAT HAPPENED TO LARRY Holmes in Atlantic City on the 22nd day of a spanking new year was simply Mike Tyson helping destiny play out the final act of a fistic drama where the ultimate result loomed obvious before the first bell.

Long before he became a mega-millionaire and grandfather at 38, I vividly recall Holmes telling admirers and detractors alike: "They won't have to tell me when to retire, I'll know. I don't want to hang around and end up like Joe Louis or Muhammad Ali."

It wasn't long after Tyson left an aging-in-front-of-us Holmes spread eagle on the canvas, all 6'3" of him, that *The Ring* asked me to reminisce on the good, the bad and the ugly in Holmes' prime time spectacular which is only surpassed in boxing annals by the incomparable Louis' stunning longevity atop the heavyweight mountain.

After the Tyson debacle, Holmes skipped the media mob (what could he say when Father Time clearly had a strangle hold?). Later, in the wee hours of a new morning, the chill of salt air was invigorating on the Boardwalk as I rolled back my memory to a less-violent juncture nearly nine years earlier when the cold of the night was further inland.

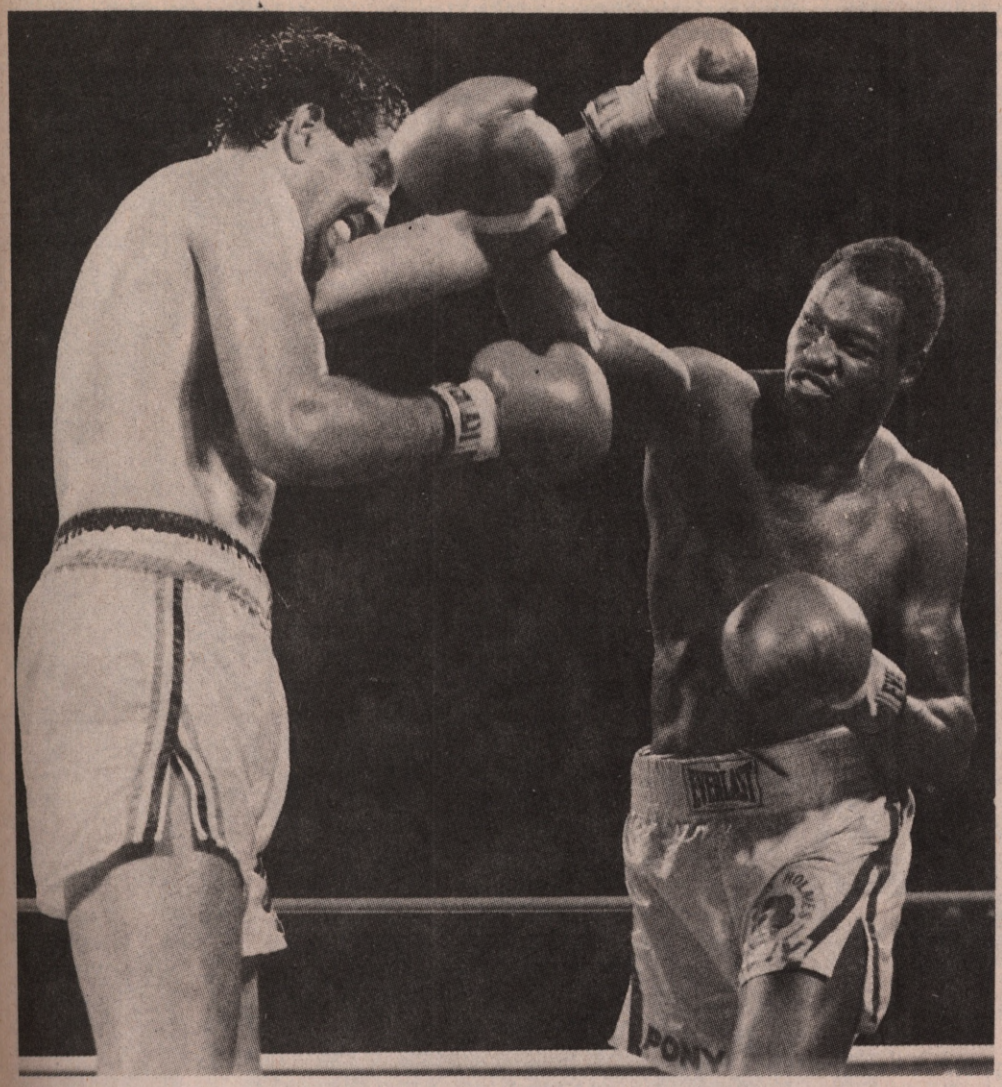
On that cold February night in 1979, the assignment was Holmes in Allentown, Pennsylvania, not because he was boxing a charity exhibition for children in a bandbox high school gym, but rather to gain more material to profile this imposing athlete who had been World Boxing Council heavyweight titleholder less than a year.

Larry put on the big gloves and headgear with a journeyman named Wendell Bailey out of Baltimore. Holmes finished the evening riled to the marrow when the lumbering giant jumped out of the ring as a reluctant dragon after only two rounds.

"I oughta not pay that (bleeping, bleeping) bum. We were supposed to box five rounds before the main event. There was no way I was hurting that sucker with big gloves. He didn't want to work for his money," Holmes said as the champion's entourage headed back to Easton for a midnight snack with trainer Richie Giachetti at the wheel of a Cadillac.

The next morning's appointment was 9 a.m. at a motel coffee shop. Holmes was on time with his brother, Jake.

Between breakfast and coffee refills,



Gerry Cooney grimaces after fielding a right hand from Holmes during their 1983 encounter. Many admirers felt it was the high point of Larry's career and that he should have retired after stopping Cooney in the 13th round.

the dialogue inevitably got around to Muhammad Ali, who once employed Holmes as a sparring partner and whose international celebrity would hang like a pall over Larry on the road all the way to Tyson. On this morning of threatened snow, Ali was in the fifth month of his third reign, having won back the world championship from Leon Spinks in New Orleans.

"I don't understand why Muhammad won't retire now," Holmes said after graciously accepting an interruption from a matronly woman who wanted an autograph. "He's won the title three times. Nobody can touch that. Muhammad's had his day in the sun. Now it's my turn. Ali doesn't have anything to prove.

"Ali has been the greatest. But now it's me ... I'm the champion. But when my time comes, I'll know it. Nobody goes on forever. I'll retire and stay retired."

Holmes tried to avoid a confrontation with Ali, but not out of fear. He wanted to avoid hurting a friend.

"I don't have to fight Ali to prove it, but I guess that's what some people want. I learned a lot from Ali, but I didn't copy him. He's Ali, I'm Larry Holmes. I really don't want to fight him, but if that's what it takes, that's what I'll do. I don't want to beat Ali, but I will if I have to."

Now reviewed as a pathetic mismatch, the fight finally happened 20 months later when 24,570 persons created a live gate of $5,768,126 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

The payday for each was $5 million, but it was a bad night for both fighters — physically for Ali, psychologically for Holmes. Coming back to his corner for the third round, Larry told his trainer, "Muhammad has nothing left, he's shot."

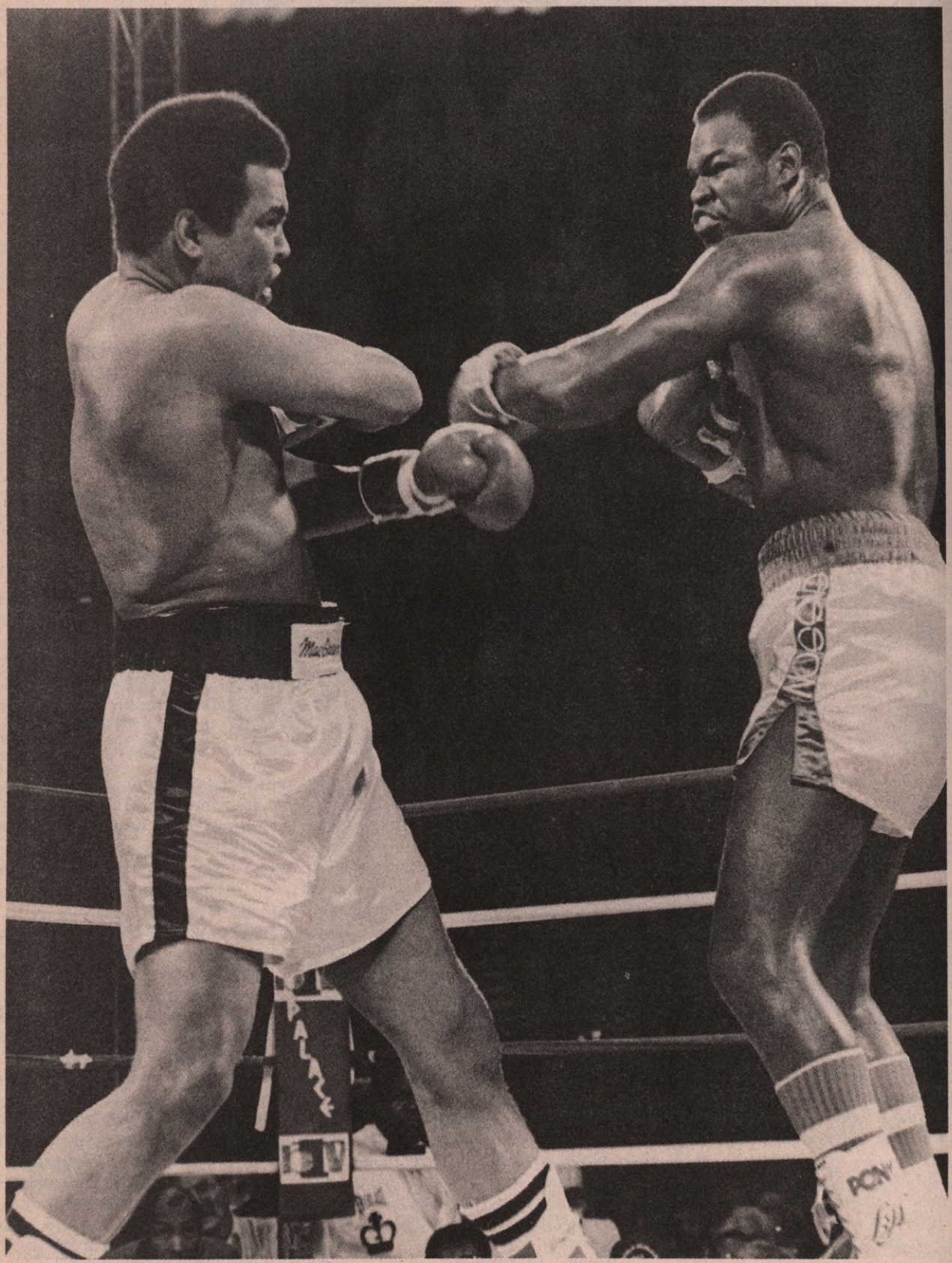
Holmes, in complete control, rolled out the big artillery in the ninth round and after the 10th, "The Greatest" was left sitting on his corner stool in abject defeat. There were tears in Larry's eyes as he viewed across the ring what happens when a super athlete stays too long at the fair.

I still twinge remembering Holmes' lament after beating Ali: "Muhammad's still the greatest and he's my idol, but I wished he stayed retired. I didn't want it to come to this, but it was something I had to do. I'm sure Ali understands, but I won't forget this night because I don't want the same thing to happen to me."

Other than Holmes' brilliant stand against Ken Norton to win the WBC crown in June, 1978, a true epic I'll recap in later graphs, I consider his second fight with Earnie Shavers at Caesars Palace Sept. 28, 1979, as one of his greatest performances.

Holmes was hammering "The Acorn"

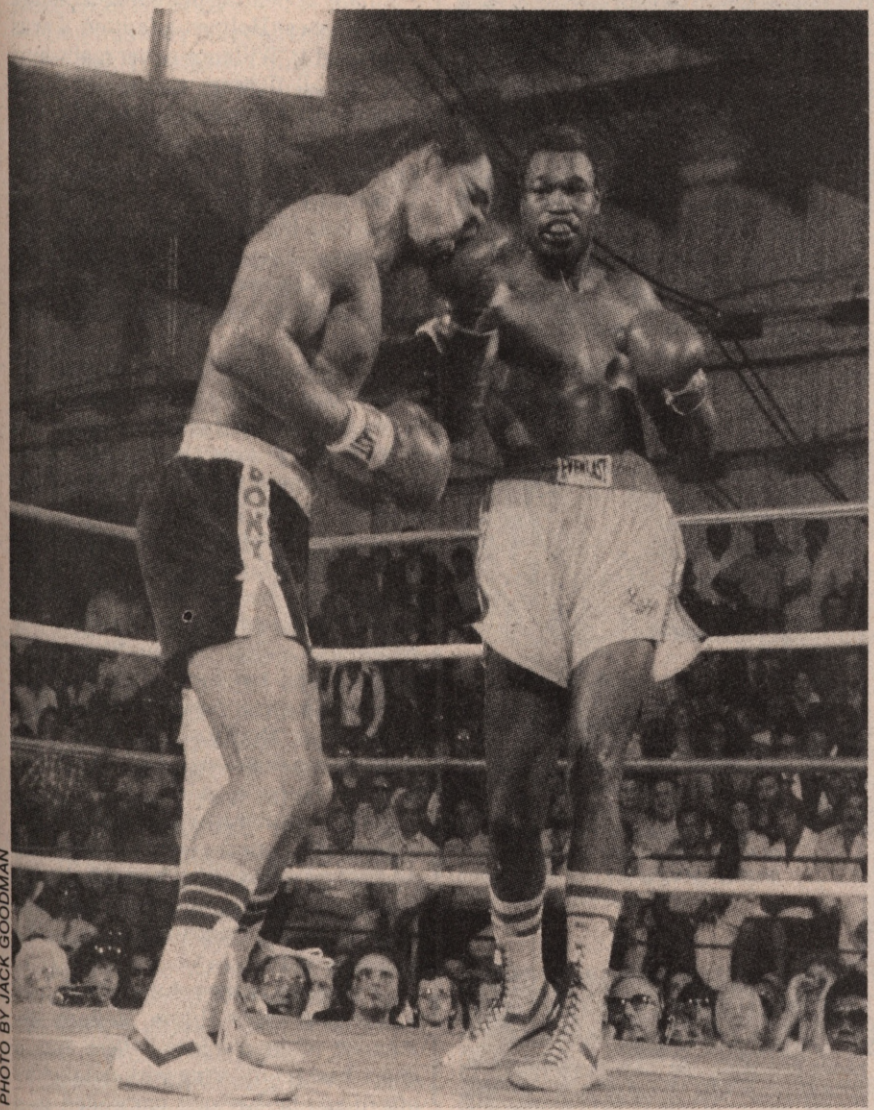
Holmes (right) won recognition as "world" champion when he stopped Muhammad Ali in 11 rounds, October 2, 1980. Larry didn't relish the assignment, but was forced to hammer the aging icon, nevertheless.



coming up to the eighth round when Shavers showed why he was one of the biggest punchers in heavyweight history. Davey Pearl, the referee who worked the fight, recently repeated the observations he gave me nearly a decade back:

"Shavers was getting beat up pretty good in the eighth round when he threw an overhand right flush on the jaw. Holmes went down and I didn't think he was going to get up ... his eyes were glassier than hell. I proceeded to count. When he got up around seven or eight, Larry did the smartest thing a fighter could do in that condition — he started dancing away from me so I couldn't get a good look at his eyes. Remember, I was busy counting. I let it go on and the bell rang. I checked him between rounds and Holmes appeared to have recovered, but he was still in a little fog. I figured if Shavers tagged him like that again in the next round, it would be all over. I always thought Larry had great recovery powers and he proved it by stopping Shavers in the 11th round."

Larry Holmes, pictured here landing a perfect right uppercut, won the WBC heavyweight title by outpointing Ken Norton over 15 thrilling rounds, June 9, 1978 in Las Vegas.



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I concur with Pearl that "Holmes always gave everything he had because he was the kind of man who found it impossible to give less." Perhaps that kind of determination never shone more clearly than the night Holmes was rocked in the ninth round by an upstart named Tim Witherspoon (May 20, 1983) at the Dunes Hotel-Casino in Vegas.

It happened early in the round and the outdoor crowd roared as a stunned Holmes reeled into the ropes. Witherspoon tried to seize the moment, but the ring generalship which started toward maturity a decade earlier in Scranton prelims surfaced with emphasis as the champion slipped punches and counter punched off the ropes. Before the round was over, Holmes had amazingly regained control.

In the judges' voting it was a split decision, the closest Larry had come to fistic disaster. The next morning with his right eye threatening to close, Holmes met a gaggle of writers in his 15th-floor suite overlooking the strip. Smiling sheepishly, Larry admitted, "I had to work a little, didn't I guys?"

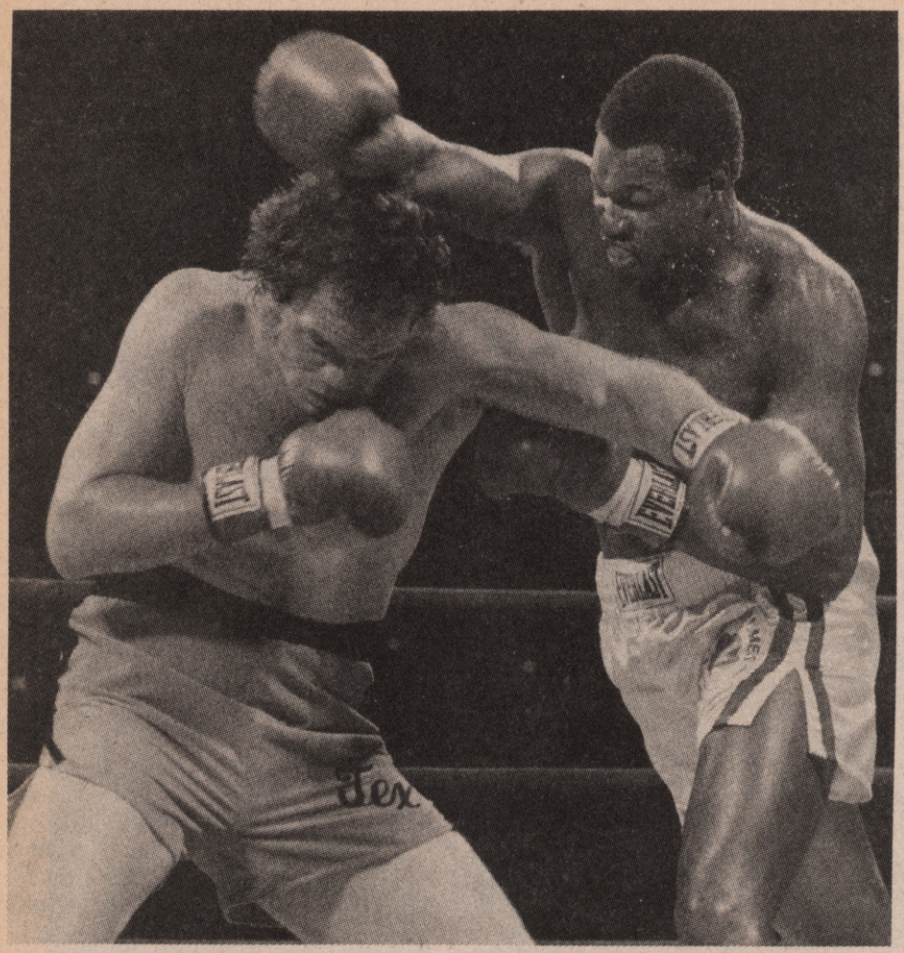
Off in a corner, Holmes' astute trainer, Eddie Futch, told me: "Larry should quit right now because he has nothing else to prove. I wanted him to retire after the Gerry Cooney fight. Everybody gets old and Larry is no exception. Larry doesn't need the money. He deserves to walk away on a high note. There are some young turks out there who will keep getting better and better while Holmes gets older."

Then 35 and 223½ pounds, Holmes said it was his last hurrah March 16, 1985 when he stopped ponderous David Bey in 10 rounds at the Riviera.

"This was my last fight ... I'm not defrauding the public. I think I was tricked into this fight because I signed two contracts to fight Bey and Michael Spinks. Money was a problem. I couldn't get Spinks, who I wanted first, so Bey was pushed in my face. I said the door was partially cracked, not closed to another fight. But I didn't expect anybody to come up with $25 million for another Cooney fight."

As for the Cooney fight, Holmes did a number on the overrated Irish giant which still lingers in Gerry's psyche. Still vivid in my mind is the west coast headline: HOLMES MORE CLEVER THAN SHERLOCK with a kicker overline, "In proving Cooney no mystery in Vegas."

Holmes' first "retirement" was one of the shortest in the history of the heavyweights when NBC paid the champion $2.5 million to defend against Carl "The Truth" Williams in Reno. Holmes' rewards were not without a price as he won a close 15-round decision, ironically, the last fight he would ever win as a professional. At the final bell, Holmes' left eye was partially closed and he spat blood from a



Holmes bounces a right hand off the head of Tex Cobb in the bout which retired Howard Cosell. Though Cobb survived the pounding to fight again, Cosell didn't. Much to the delight of boxing fans, Humble Howard, sickened by the one-sided nature of the match, never worked another pro fight.

Larry Holmes: One of the finest competitors in any era.

cut inside his lower lip, leaving the ring with a bloated and bruised countenance. Many national TV viewers swore Williams merited the verdict.

The fight was held on the University of Nevada-Reno, campus but media people had to go out to MGM Grand (now Bally's) where the weary old champion spent an hour in the tub soaking out the soreness.

Finally appearing at midnight behind dark glasses, Holmes admitted it was a hard fight: "Williams never really hurt me, but all fighters get up for Larry Holmes. My honest thoughts right now are to keep going, but I'm in this game to make money, not impress people. Whatever I did right or wrong, I'm still champion. If I fight again, it's for three reasons — the money, Marciano's record and because I still like it. But it gets harder with all the outside distractions."

It was irritating Holmes couldn't let it go at that, rather than adding "I know some people out there want to see me lose. Some people don't want me to break Rocky's record. But I'm still the baddest (bleep bleep) out there."

Enough has been said and written about Holmes' super faux pas via the cheap shots he took at Marciano's record following his upset by Spinks in September, 1985 at the Riviera. I'll never forget the look of disbelief on Giachetti's face once Holmes laid a tirade on Rocky's family, boxing judges, commissions and "people who love to see me lose."

I often wonder why Richie didn't "accidentally" push Holmes off the podium as a diversion. Seconds later a flustered, dethroned champion was looking for the floor to open up, so he could jump in.

Leading up to the return with Spinks at the Las Vegas Hilton, Holmes' demeanor often disclosed there was a short fuse smoldering within. Like the afternoon he became embroiled in a verbal harangue with the late Dick Young, syndicated *New York Post* columnist. Larry ordered the 155-pound writer out of his camp. He then called on 200-pound plus bodyguards to bodily remove Young from the premises.

Later in the afternoon Young, who died last year, told me: "Well, Jack, I've now been thrown out of the best hotels on this beat."

Several days before the second Spinks fight, Johnny Tocco, veteran gym owner and cutman in Larry's

corner, and myself were talking about boxing in general after a Holmes workout. Larry had dressed and was leaving with an entourage of a potentate when he growled at the 75-year-old Tocco, "Jawn-knee, you can talk to him about anything you want, but don't talk about the fight."

Like many fight people, Tocco feels King generated the idea of breaking Marciano's record.

"Don was after Larry all right, always reminding Holmes he only needed a few more fights for the record," said Tocco. "Larry wasn't interested in the beginning. If King could have laid off, I feel Larry could have retired with dignity. There have been times when Holmes' ego has been his own worst enemy. The losses to Spinks were controversial and Larry couldn't understand it. Unfortunately, not too many people know the real humanity in Holmes. He was a helluva fighter and I still think he's a helluva man."

It will be awhile before I forget that final January night in Atlantic City, watching an unsmiling Holmes come into the ring in a satin white robe with a red collar trim, all dripping sequins. Larry must have been talking to Hector Camacho. But the youth movement belonged to Tyson and his booming right hand. In his prime, Larry needed an entire career to hit the canvas three times. That night he doubled the number in less than four rounds.

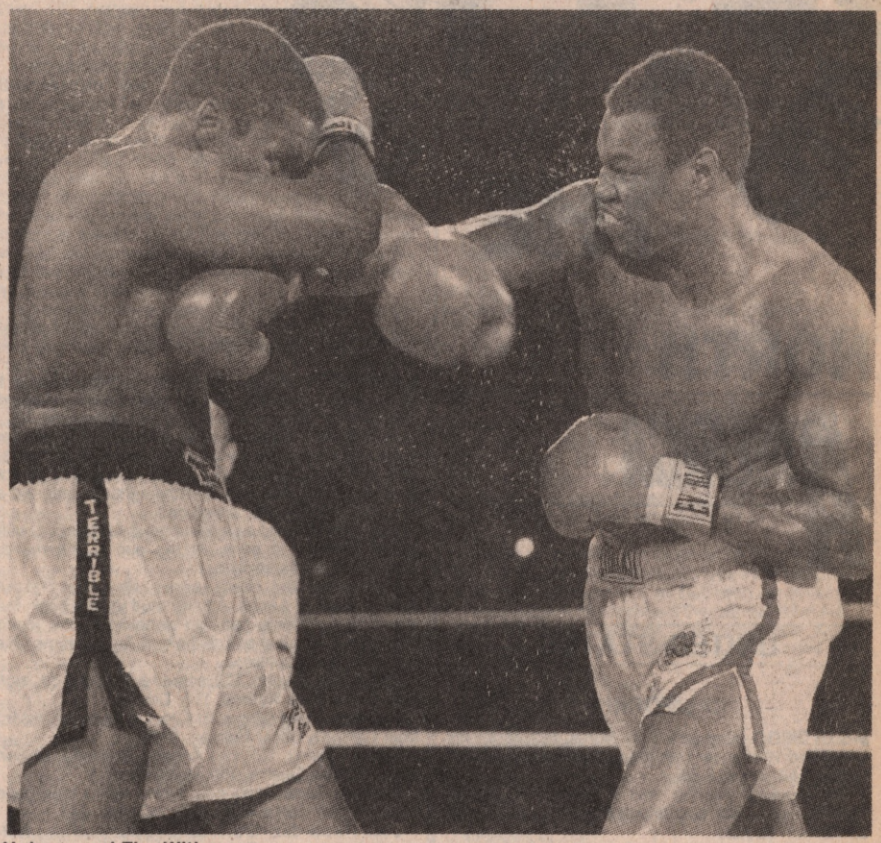
For me, the piece de resistance in Holmes' controversial career (48-3, 34 KOs, 20 title defenses) was the night he won the WBC title from Ken Norton in the band box which is Caesars' Sports Pavilion. The date for the fistic cornerstone was June 9, 1978. Both gladiators were honed to the zenith although Holmes' pulled shoulder muscle was the ultimate in well-kept secrets the week of the fight.

Each time the bell rang they went to war. There were no knockdowns, but it's a miracle the head of Holmes or Norton didn't land in the rafters.

Going into the 15th round Norton and Holmes were dead even on all scorecards. In those final three minutes, the savagery which unfolded was almost unbelievable. Holmes and Norton let it all hang out in turning back fistiana to the Stone Age. Whew!

When young and old hands in boxing recall Larry Holmes won his first world belt by one point each on two scorecards for a split decision, let them also research the quality of his reign as a consummate warrior. Hopefully, the generations to come with a bent for the sport will correctly evaluate his run of 48 straight victories and not look askance at the three straight losses closing out Holmes' ledger.

Remember, the worksheet was compiled by one of the finest competitors in any division in any era ... Larry Holmes, who never quite understood — that in his own way — he had outdistanced the torment of following in Ali's footsteps. □



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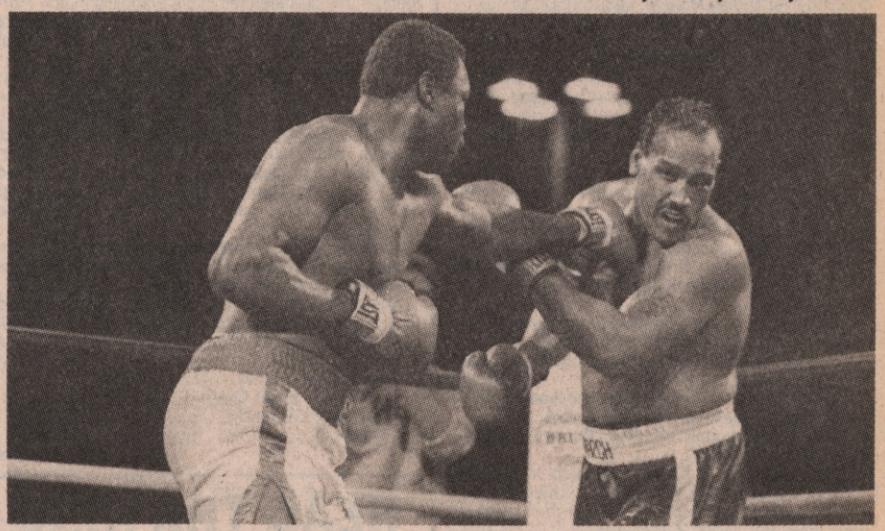
Holmes and Tim Witherspoon (left) go toe-to-toe during their 1983 title bout. Witherspoon gave Holmes one of his toughest challenges, but Larry prevailed via a close, 12-round decision.

Holmes spears David Bey with his left jab en route to a 10th-round TKO in defense of the heavyweight crown. It was the last kayo victory of Larry's career.



RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▶**SAN DIEGO**—Campo's Terry Norris, 152, ended his scheduled 10-rounder with Reynosa, Mexico's Roman Nunez, 150, in just 2:58.

The knockout was the ninth in Norris' 14-2 record, while Nunez, a slick counterpuncher, fell to a reported 25-12, with 20 KOs.

Two minutes into the round, Norris decked Nunez with a straight right to the jaw. Nunez tried to escape after rising, but Norris decked Nunez with another right, putting him out.

David Slaughter, 216, San Diego, knocked out Jesse Island, 210, Tijuana, Mexico, in the first.

Todd McPhee, 188, San Diego, knocked out Jorge Moreno, 192, National City, in the third.

San Diego's Robert Olivera, 150, won a four-round decision over Miguel Morado, 148, San Diego.

Jose Rodriguez, 143, Bakersfield, drew with Tijuana's Solomon Cervantes, 143, over four.

Promoter: Pro Box Productions.
(1-21-88)

▶**INGLEWOOD**—Fighting on just one day notice, Campo's Willie Wilson, 165, stopped Bakersfield's Ricki Locke, 165, at the end of the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Wilson, 13-2-1 with nine knockouts, was the aggressor from the start and took charge after stunning Locke with a third-round right hand.

Locke tried to make a stand in the fifth, but Wilson outpunched him and scored well to the body in the next frame. In the seventh, a right put Locke on his back. He made it to the bell, but didn't come out for the next frame.

Alberto Mercado, 121, Orlando, Florida, knocked out Marlo Gomez, 121, Nuevo Laredo, in three.

Calvin Meeks, 142, Los Angeles, KO'd Rosario Guerrero, 142, Bell, in the second.

Robert Lewis, 135, Los Angeles, knocked out Felipe Olivar, 132, Santa Ana, in the third.

Bell's Gerardo Lopez, 142, KO'd Duane Jones, 139, Pasadena, in the fourth.

Santa Ana's Kenny Comer, 142, won a four-round verdict over Lynwood's Martin Nunez, 145.

Les Fabri, 124, Las Vegas, won a four-round decision from Pacoima's Javier Macias, 125.

Promoter: Forum Boxing.
(1-14-88)

▶**RIVERSIDE**—In a sensational slugfest, Campo's Terry Norris, 152, knocked out San Diego's Richard "The Warrior" Aguirre in the third of a scheduled 10.

Aguirre, 14-3-1 with 10 KOs, came after Norris from a crouch, winging blockbusters the whole time. Norris, 15-2 with 10 KOs, slipped punches while watching for openings and cut Aguirre over the right eye before the first three minutes had concluded.

The second round saw some great exchanges, with Norris holding the edge. At the end of the round, Aguirre's eye was swollen.

Early in the third, Norris scored with a right that put Aguirre down to a knee. Aguirre tried to fight back, but was wild and Norris had him wobbling as the round drew to a close. Just before the bell, Aguirre turned his back, unable to continue.

Riverside's Al Long, 152, scored a 12-round decision victory over **Alex Ramos**, 153, Downey.

Riverside's Levi Billups, 214, took a six-round verdict from Campo's Oscar Holman, 210.

Tosand Jewell, 157, Los Angeles, knocked out San Diego's David Guerra, 150, in the second.

Artesia's Jaime Ocegueda, 139½, won a four-round decision over Santa Ana's Kenny Comer, 141.

Juan Hernandez, 126½, Los Angeles, scored a four-round decision over San Jose's Junior Serros, 128.

Promoter: Allstate Productions.
(2-3-88)

COLORADO

▶**COLORADO SPRINGS**—All American Sports Cafe—Little Joe Hernandez, 150, Pueblo, took a split nod over Ricky Rios, 155, Colorado Springs, in a six-rounder that disintegrated into a grappling match. Hernandez was down in the fifth but Rios could not capitalize. Hernandez, now 8-1-1, has shown better in previous outings.

John Welters, 154, Thorton, knocked Alex Rios down once in each of the first three stanzas, inducing the latter's corner to wisely surrender the towel. Welters stands at 13-0, but all of his opponents have been of dubious nature. Alex Rios, 150, and Ricky's brother, was just another face on a stick. Welters is a polite kid who shows some boxing skills and most certainly can hit, but needs some lively opposition if he is to be taken seriously.

Matt Trejo, 140, Odessa, showed poise and punch in his debut KO of tough Louis Saucedo, 141, Pueblo, in the fourth heat of a scheduled six.

Anthony Barella, 122, Denver, fighting for the second time in seven days, outclassed Pueblo's John Vigil, 125, in a fast-paced four.

Promoter: Tom Quinn.
Referee: Pat Chaney.
Timekeeper: Eddie Quinn.
Attendance: 300 (est.).
(1-16-88)

ED WALSH

FLORIDA

▶**ORLANDO**—Orange County Civic Center—Jeff Hannah said it would not go the distance, that someone would not be standing for the 10th round.

As a prognosticator, he was perfect. As a fighter, he was not.

Tracy Harris Patterson clubbed Hannah often and with a savage ferociousness to score a TKO at 2:13 of the third round, referee "Taco" Perez enforcing the three-knockdown rule.

"I've never seen him better," said Patterson's stepfather and former world heavyweight champion **Floyd Patterson.** "He fought tonight the way he was supposed to fight Jeff Franklin in his last fight. In that one he had a chipped bone in his hand and couldn't do a whole lot with it.

"But I think the loss did him a lot of good," added Floyd. "I know myself, I lost the 13th fight of my career and it did me a world of good. I came back with much greater motivation. It paid great dividends for me later in my career as I had about 14 straight knockouts following that loss.

"I think the same thing may happen to Tracy," Floyd concluded. "I've never seen him as determined as he was tonight. He wants to fight Franklin again so badly. Tonight, he was just an extremely determined fighter."

Hannah went down twice in the first round, twice in the second round and three times in the third. Left hooks did the early damage, but the three knockdowns in the final round were produced by thunderous rights. Each time he stood up wearing a slight grin and said after the fight, "I just could not get off tonight."

Hannah had struggled heroically, boring in constantly as he said he would. But Patterson, who doesn't have a reputation as a knockout puncher, surprised with the power in his punches. The winner scored heavily to the ribs and torso in the early going, then switched with a heated attack to the head when Hannah doubled up to cover his body.

Hannah, at 28 and fighting his 42nd fight, was more experienced, but Patterson did not realize he had been in with two world titleholders, Antonio Rivera and Loris Stecca.

"This is only his second 10-round bout," reminded Floyd. "I have let him dictate to me when he felt ready to advance in rounds, naturally always letting him have an extra six- or eight-rounder before advancing once he states he's ready. We have a couple more fights scheduled and then possibly a Pan American or world title bout as presented to him by the Universal Boxing Association."

Patterson admitted he has not linked himself with any of boxing's organizations and was perturbed when one of the groups rated Tracy ninth when Floyd did not feel he was ready for the ranking.

Tommy Small (7-3), Hollywood, knocked out James Farthing, 141, Mobile, Alabama, in the second round of a scheduled six.

Jack Johnson (14-5), Homestead, stopped Larry Sommerset, Daytona, at 1:22 of the second round of a four-round heavyweight bout.

Billy Cunningham (7-19-5), Miami, won a split decision over Harlen Bo Hammock (5-2), Mobile, in a four-round lightweight bout.

Jesse Williams (11-3), Orlando, took a unanimous decision over Paul Duberry (3-3), Mobile, in a welterweight four-rounder.

Gavin "Golden" Mobile (1-1) took a very controversial majority decision over previously undefeated Marty Hall (2-1), Seffner, in another welterweight four.

The semi-feature saw **Chris Calvin** (24-6), Nashville, score a six-round KO over Ken Acuff (11-6), Terre Haute.

Promoter: World Class Boxing Promotion.
Matchmaker: Dominick Polo.
Referees: "Taco" Perez & Frankie Santore.
Announcer: Allan Toor.
Attendance: 2,000 (est.).
(1-30-88)

▶**HIALEAH**—Sheraton of the Americas—The feature event saw Continental Americas champion Luis "Kid" Monzote send Homero Guel of Mexico to all fours for the count of 10 with a sharp right hand in the seventh round.

The scheduled 10 was fairly even, swinging back and forth until Monzote, 107½, began dominating in the sixth to up his record to 17-4. Guel, 108, fell to 27-8.

Salim Mohammad, 156, returned for his first fight in a year to up his record to 6-0 with a four-round decision over Tampa's Tony Diaz, 154, who fell to 3-2. Body punches were the Jamaican's main weapons.

Miami's Elvis Yero, 150½, used his talent for kidney punches to take a unanimous, four-round decision over

READ THE RING

Miami's Harold Williams, 153. Williams, whose record is 0-11-2, went down in the first, but Yero, 4-0, couldn't floor him again.

Miami's Tony Frontela, 126¼, waltzed to a unanimous, four-round decision over Florida City's Jaime Castellanos, 124. Frontela is 2-0, Castellanos, 0-5.

Middleweight Pedro Riveron squared his record at 1-1 with a TKO at 2:55 of the second round over Florida City's Tommy Martinez, who was making his pro debut. Riveron looked great despite being off a year, scoring well with hard rights and uppercuts.

Miami middleweight Ali Sanchez stretched his record to 4-0 with a first-round KO of debuting Eric Atkinson of Miramar. The end of the scheduled four came in just 1:48.

Hollywood welterweight Tommy Small stopped Miami's Dexter Sutton at 1:52 of the fourth and final round. Sutton, a protege of Chris Dundee, was very tall and lanky and showed a good jab. Small was on the verge of losing, but his better conditioning helped him improve to 8-2.

Promoter: Arena Promotions.

Matchmaker: Luis DeCubas.

Judges: Rick Beys, Henry Berman, Vivian Berman, Irv Abramson & Mark Conn.

Referees: Armando Garcia, Juan Arias & Bill Connors.

Timekeeper: Sam Gralnick.

(2-12-87)

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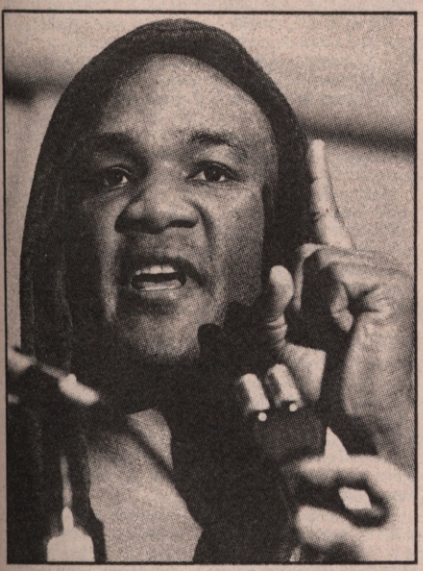

One round is all it took former heavyweight champion George Foreman to dispose of target Tom Trimm in Orlando.

▶**ORLANDO**—Sheraton Twin Towers—Last November, big **George Foreman** came to Orlando on the comeback trail and stopped Tim "Doc" Anderson on a TKO in the fourth at the Eddie Graham Sports Stadium. He returned in January to eliminate a third selected candidate in 45 seconds, the easiest fight of his illustrious career. Art Terry was originally assigned to box Foreman until it was decided by the Foreman camp that he would not be a suitable opponent. A second selection, reported West Virginia heavyweight champion Bobby Thomas, was eliminated because he is a southpaw. Tom Trimm of Galena Park, Texas was summoned to test the punchin' preacher just four days prior to fight time.

An enthusiastic crowd estimated at 1,500 gave a hearty welcome to big George as he approached the ring for the main event. Hardly had fans settled in their seats following the flag ceremonies when Trimm hit the deck and was counted out by referee "Taco" Perez at 45 seconds of the first. A sharp left jab and a hard overhand right turned Trimm's legs to jelly and he sank to the mat semi-conscious.

The 6'2" Trimm, a one time Mike Tyson sparring partner, came in at 222 sporting a 36-11-1 record. The 6'3" Foreman weighed in at 243½. His record now stands at 50-2 with 47 KOs.

The evening's events started fast and furious. The first three fights ended in first-round knockouts. The opening bout saw Tony "Hurricane" Arreola of Tampa, (3-1), 5'4", 121¾, stop Michael Larkins of Daytona Beach, (2-0), 5'3", 124¾, with a hard straight right hand that put him down. When he arose at the count of eight, he signaled to referee Frankie Santore that he couldn't continue.

A scheduled four-round matchup saw Ft. Myers' Tony Diaz, (1-1), 5'6", 153, stop debuting Ricky Codwell, 5'4", 145¾, Milwaukee, at 2:10 of Round One. Ricky rose at the eight count and also signaled he couldn't continue.

Undefeated Guy Sonnenberg of Tampa, (6-0-2), 6'1½", 192, dropped undefeated Bernell Selders of Detroit's Kronk Gym, (4-0), 6', 188, for the count near the end of the first with a solid left hook. Referee: Perez.

A scheduled four-round bout between Tampa's Frank "Businessman" Bray, (4-0), 6'2", 194½, and Terry Jackson, Green Bay, Wisconsin, (4-0), 5'10½", 182½, was the first bout of the evening to go the distance. Halfway through the first round, Bray dropped Jackson with a hard right to the mid-section. This knockdown probably won him the fight as the remainder of the contest saw both land with heavy combinations while the battle see-sawed back and forth. It was an even slugfest to the end. At the final bell, the crowd rose as one and gave a rousing ovation in recognition that the bout hadn't ended in the first round. Bray was awarded the decision. Referee: Perez.

In preparation for an upcoming main event with **Leon Spinks** in Nashville, **Randall "Tex" Cobb** boxed a spirited four-round exhibition with Davenport, Iowa heavy Frank Lux.

In the best bout of the evening, Johnny "Malibu" Gutierrez, (10-2-1), 5'6", 153¾, of Tampa outpointed Raheem Muhammed (8-2-2), 5'11", 149½, of Brooklyn, New York, in eight rounds. Muhammed's showboating nearly offset the voting and won him the fight, but "Malibu's" persistent pressing body attack and frequent combinations carried him to victory. Raheem's tactics entertained the crowd throughout the fight. In addition to holding and hitting, his routine included "the rope-a-dope," the "bolo" and occasional backhanding his opponent. Had it been a 10-round bout, he might have won.

Tim "Doc" Anderson, Ormond Beach, Fla. (26-6-0), 6'2", 206, stopped Jeff May, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, (10-3-1), 6'4", 230½, in the third round. Tim dropped the overweight May with a left hook and seconds later put him down for the count with a right to the mid-section. May spent more time showboating than fighting. Referee: Santore.

The great all-time Hall of Fame golf pro **Sammy Snead** was a ringside spectator.

Promoter: Rick Parker.

Judges: Tony Palermo, Joe Thornton & Dan Raicevich.

Announcer: Terry Vann.

Physician: G.R. Woodard.

Matchmaker: Augie Rodriguez.

Referees: Perez & Santore.

Timekeeper: Dick Howard.

Attendance: 1,500 (est.).

(1-23-88)

MARTY CARSON

ILLINOIS

▶**CHICAGO**—DiVinci Manor—In a terrific main event, Franklin Park's Jake Carollo, 147½, scored an eight-round decision victory over Springfield's Anthony Joe Travis, 148½.

The victory improved Carollo's record to 6-1.

Chicago's Sammy Matos, 155, was scheduled to go six, but needed just 1:58 to stop Milwaukee's Anthony Jackson, 153. A right uppercut did the trick.

Chicago's Jake Torrence, 157, won a close, six-round unanimous decision over Norberto Bueno, 162, of Guerrero, Mexico.

Oneida, Wisconsin's Joey Christjohn, 210, upped his mark to 8-4-2 with a close, but unanimous six-round verdict over Chicago's Bobby Hitz, 210, who fell to 12-2.

Chicago's Karriem Bey, 157, won a unanimous, four-round decision over Milwaukee's Walter Cowans, 154.

In a battle of Chicagoans, William McDonald, 168, won a close, but unanimous four-round nod over Tim Martin, 176. Both were down.

Promoter: Cedric Kushner.

Announcer: Dick Elliott.

Physician: Glenn Bynum.

Referees: Brian O'Shea, Tim Adams & Pete Podgorski.

Timekeeper: Kenny Kinsch.

Judges: Michael Glienna, Al Tremari, Jerry Jakubco & Jerry Hults.

Attendance: 501.

(1-30-88)

▶**CHICAGO**—Racquet Club—Ron Amundsen ran his log to 12-0, winning a close, but unanimous six-round decision over Jake Torrence.

Amundsen, of Chicago, weighed 157½. Torrence, also from Chicago, came in at 155.

Another scheduled six ended in the fourth as Clarence White, 148, Indianapolis, stopped Chicago's J.C. Camell Jr. at 2:24. White is 3-0.

Chicago's Terrence Martin, 148, squared his mark at 1-1 with a four-round, unanimous verdict over East Chicago, Indiana's Edwin Santana, 145. Santana is 4-4-1.

Chicago's Henry Mobley, 140, took an easy four-round, unanimous nod over Efren Nieves, 141, Milwaukee.

Whiting, Indiana's Marty Jakubowski, 135, stretched his mark to 8-0 with a four-round, unanimous verdict over Chicago's Charles Stevens, 137½.

Promoter: Cedric Kushner.

Announcer: Angelo Buscaglia.

Physician: Glenn Bynum.

Referee: Stan Berg.

Timekeeper: Al Tremari.

Judges: Mike Glienna, Bill Lerch & Tim Adams.

Matchmaker: Jack Cowen.

Attendance: 159.

(2-5-88)

▶**CHICAGO**—Chicago Banquet Hall—Mike Evans of Chicago Heights had his eye closed in the fifth round, but fought on to floor Wisconsin's Steve Zouski in the 10th and final frame en route to capturing a unanimous decision.

Evans weighed 249 to Zouski's 207.

Jake Torrence, 160, this night billed from Gary, Indiana, won a close, six-round majority decision over William Clayton, 161, West Chicago, Illinois.

Ron Amundsen, 156, Chicago, stopped Benton Harbor, Michigan's Terry Parham, 158, with only two seconds remaining in their scheduled six to improve his record to 13-0.

Another six ended in the fourth when Gary's Kimmel Odom, 235, stopped Canada's Roby Robinson, 233. Odom made his record 7-1 as Robinson ran out of gas and was halted in 59 seconds of the round to fall to 4-4.

Detroit's Brad Jefferies, 135, stopped Kenny Washington, 129, Benton Harbor, Michigan, in just 2:30 of a scheduled four.

Promoter: Cedric Kushner.

Announcer: Art Manzy.

Physician: Glenn Bynum.

Referees: Stanley Berg & Al Preslinger.

Timekeeper: Kenny Kinsch.

Judges: Jerry Hults, Jerry Jakubco, Al Tremari & Mike Glienna.

Matchmaker: Jack Cowen.

Attendance: 272.

(2-11-88)

INDIANA

▶**HIGHLAND**—Club Dimensions—A very entertaining club show was presented to an enthusiastic crowd that braved zero temperatures to attend.

In the main go, **Jack Callahan,** 156, Hammond, pounded out an impressive TKO against a game, but out-gunned Larry Mayes, 161, Miami, Oklahoma.

In excellent shape as always, Callahan was perpetual motion from the opening bell to the end. Callahan floored his opponent in rounds one, three and four, then dropped Mayes three times in Round Five for the automatic stoppage at 1:40.

Marty Jackubowski, an 18-year-old 135-pounder from Whiting, displayed good movement and excellent hand speed in winning an easy six-round decision over Tim Tipton, 135, Louisville, Kentucky.

Efren Brown, 150, Anderson, won a hard-fought four-round decision over Edwin Santana, 147, East Chicago, Indiana, in a good action fight.

Jerry Bilyeu, 145, Muncie, stopped Tom Lally, 145, Chicago, by TKO at 1:58 of the second stanza.

Tim Tomashek, 195, Whiting, won a four-round decision over Tim Morrison, 210, Miami, Oklahoma.

A four-round decision was awarded to Vince Hudson, 133, Chicago, over Kenny Brown, 133½, Ft. Wayne.

Promoters: Bonita Hardesty/Calumet Region Boxing Association.

Matchmaker: Pete Susens.

Referees: Sean Curtain & Pete Podgorski.

Judges: John Wilson, Walter Schramm & Gary Merritt.

Physician: Linda Rosenberg.

Timekeepers: Jim Holmes & Ken Hardesty.

(1-26-88)

▶**INDIANAPOLIS**—The Sherwood—In a bout for the Indiana junior welterweight championship, Victorio

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Belcher of South Bend stopped a game Efren Brown from Anderson at 2:49 of the sixth round. The lanky Belcher dominated the bout with his long reach and sharp two-fisted attack until referee George DeFabis mercifully stopped the contest.

In a war, Dean Meadows, 159, Muncie, and Keith Banks, 154, Indianapolis, fought to a six-round draw.

High school student and good prospect Clarence White, 150, Indianapolis, overwhelmed Tommy Jeans, 150½, Memphis, with a TKO at 2:32 of the opening round.

Tim Tomashek, 200, Whiting, won a four-round decision over Joe Adams, 213½, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mike Pollitt, 163, New Lisbon, dominated Burgess Scruggs, 164, Indianapolis, to win by TKO at 2:24 of the second round.

Jerry Bilyeu, 141¾, Muncie, stopped Hector Ramirez, 140, Columbus, IN, in the fourth and final round. The time of the TKO was 0:30.

Anthony Logan, 161, Kingston, Jamaica, made short work of Earl Thomas, 180, Little Rock, with a TKO at 1:33 of the opening stanza.

Promoter and Announcer: Fred Berns.
Matchmaker: Pete Susens.
Referees: George DeFabis & Bill Vaughn.
Judges: Charles Tudor, Mike Kelley & Gary Merritt.
Timekeeper: Ellie DeFabis.
Attendance: 400 (est.).
(2-11-88)

GARY L. MERRITT

MARYLAND

▶GLEN BURNIE—La Fontaine Bleu—This "Valentine's Show" presentation of dinner/boxing provided a sweetheart of a card. All five bouts went the distance with three so close the decisions could have gone either way.

The main event saw Raul Torres, 140½, Youngstown, OH, battle back after falling behind early to earn a majority draw against Willie "The Heat" Taylor, 140½, Falls Church, VA. Taylor was much the quicker of the two but couldn't put his opponent away when he had him in trouble in the second and third rounds. Overcoming a bad cut above the left eye from a butt, Torres rallied in the final three rounds over the tiring Taylor in this scheduled eight. Scoring: Terry Moore 78-76, Taylor, Ray Klingmeyer 77-77 and Milton Green 76-76. Ref: Ray Klingmeyer.

Charles Dent, 178, Washington D.C., won a majority decision over William Kennedy, 181, Winston-Salem, N.C., in a six-round light heavyweight match. Dent was the more mobile fighter while Kennedy kept stalking him around the ring trying to lure him into a brawl by keeping his left hand down by his side. Ref: Milton Green.

Making his heavyweight professional debut at the age of 31, Tom Smith, 220, Falls Church, VA, looked like a drill instructor right out of the Marines. He won a unanimous four-round decision over the game Tom Fritch, 190, Winston-Salem, N.C. Smith enters professional boxing at a late age to "see just how far I can go with this." Unfortunately, Smith's career will depend much more on his developed boxing skills than his mean military looks. Ref: Klingmeyer.

Non-stop action was the only way to describe a six-round bout between Han "Sugar" Kim, 140, Rockville, MD, and Henry Hawkins, 141, Annapolis, MD. This split decision went to Hawkins, who did most of his scoring along the ropes. Ref: Terry Moore.

Stephen Stallings, 137¾, Washington, D.C., evened his record to 1-1 by winning a four-round unanimous decision over energetic, but unpolished Wilfredo De La Cruz, 134¼, Rockville, MD. Ref: Moore.

Promoter: Maryland Showcase (Max Kisner & Vicki Savaliski).
Matchmaker: Irish Josh Hall.
Timekeeper: Izzy Bach.
Announcer: Tony Baldoni.
Judges: Ray Klingmeyer, Milton Green & Terry Moore.
Attendance: 1,100.
(2-4-88)

FRED BLUMSTEIN

MICHIGAN

▶STERLING HEIGHTS—Premier Center—In the return of the monthly shows presented by Johnny Ace Smith and Duke Durden, a new co-producer going by the corporate name of ARS Promotions struck a deal that brought a new television and cable contract into the picture to further up the ante and rivalry between the crosstown stable and Kronk-PASS events.

The show headlined the continuing quest for the world bantamweight title by **Hurley "Dr. Prescription" Snead,** who won his 32nd victory over a game Julio Blanco, San Antonio. Snead scored a unanimous 10-round decision over Blanco, who dropped to 32-9.

In the co-feature, Renaldo "Little Red" Carter went to 14-0 over Beaumont, Texas' Tim Silva, who fell to 10-4 after Carter took a unanimous 10-round decision.

Spencer "The Warrior" Chavis, Michigan cruiserweight champion, kept his streak going over a real obstacle-course attack put up by Fort Worth's Paul Madison (11-9). Their 10-rounder saw the lead change hands, but produced the late-starting Chavis' 26th win against two defeats.

In the heavyweight division, local Eric "The Whip" Curry squeaked by a tough Richard Mason (7-2-1) of Cincinnati in their eight-round battle to improve to 19-2.

Lefty Courtney Hooper upped his record to 19-1 with a sixth-round TKO over fellow welterweight Ron Johnson, who took a 14-12 record back to Oklahoma City after being stopped at 2:59 of the sixth stanza of a scheduled eight.

Tom "Boom Boom" Johnson played bam-bam on Octavio Quinones (15-6) of Tucson in their featherweight six-rounder that saw Johnson emerge with a 9-0 record that reflects his ring savvy, timing and ability to exploit his opponent's weaknesses.

In a dual pro debut, "Joltin' " Jeff Styers of Westland, Michigan got off on the right foot by defeating Jose Loya of El Paso with a unanimous decision in their lightweight four-rounder.

The walkout bout didn't go off until after midnight but provided some of the best action of the evening, Ellery "E.T." Thomas using his stalking style to thrash Jose Luis Mendoza (4-5) of Phoenix and keep his record blemish free at 7-0 with a four-round unanimous decision.

Martha Reeves, sans Vandellas, began the evening with a soulful, a capella rendition of the National Anthem.

Matchmaker: Duke Durden.
TV: Score/FNN.
Physicians: S. Ralph Sachs & Don Kaplan.
Timekeepers: William Hunter & William Hunter Jr.
Announcer: Jim Ingram.
Judges: Bill Miley, Randy Ericson & Nafeeya Jami.
(1-28-88)

▶SAGINAW—Saginaw Civic Arena—Art Dore Enterprise's lightweight phenom Billy Young turned in another fine performance with a unanimous, 10-round decision over Tampa's Troy Davis.

The victory boosted Young to 21-0-1 and set him up for a shot on ESPN, while Davis fell to 13-11.

Local Tom Jablonski (0-1-1), 189, slugged out a majority four-round draw with Neil Singleton (0-3-1) in their crowd-pleaser.

Bay City heavyweight Lon Lieberkin TKO'd Detroit's Bob Holloway at 2:20 of the first stanza. Holloway, who was making his pro debut, was down twice as Lieberkin upped his mark to 2-0.

Heavyweight Curt Muhl (2-1), a former kickboxer from Grand Rapids, scored an impressive TKO in just one minute over Battle Creek's Mike Sharp, who was making his debut.

In a match between debuting lightweights, Scott DePew and Willie Ingram of Detroit lasted until just 54 seconds of the second stanza when DePew claimed a TKO victory.

Elkhart's 239-pound pride Felix Shorter (5-4-1) made short work of debuting Willie Brown, Battle Creek, knocking out Brown in just 1:39.

Huey Leggitt (3-2), 139, pounded out a four-round decision over local Tony Elgas (1-1), 138.

Promoter: Art Dore.
Matchmaker: Richard Lindell.
Referees: Spence Carpenter & Joe Sowerby.
Physician: Vargas.
Timekeepers: Glen Hagle & F.H. Martin.
Judges: Bill Miley, Bernie Teachout & Al Karpuk.
Announcer: Don Bush.
Attendance: 1,800.
(1-29-88)

TOM PARUSZKIEWICZ

NEBRASKA

▶OMAHA—Peoney Park Ballroom—A standing room only crowd watched wide-eyed and eager during a hectic night of six fights.

The main event saw Irish Dan Murphy of Omaha battle his way to a majority decision over Johnny "Hard Rock" Cox of Rockford, Illinois, in an eight-round heavyweight bout.

Harold Brazier entertained a SRO crowd in Omaha with a fourth-round TKO over Willy Ray.

Murphy, slowed up by a sore right hand injured in training earlier in the week, was forced to fight basically a left-handed fight against a clever and evasive foe, but raised his mark to 13-1-1.

Considered one of the best welterweights in the country, **Harold Brazier,** South Bend, Indiana, stopped off for a tuneup against Birmingham, Alabama's Willy Ray in a scheduled eight.

For awhile it appeared Brazier might have run into much stiffer opposition than anticipated. The shaven-headed Ray was aggressive and punched solidly, but eventually fell prey to Brazier's superior punching, which produced a four-round TKO. Brazier had his man down once and on the way out when the ref ended the excellent contest.

Popular local heavyweight Dick "Raging Bull" Ryan ran his record to 7-0 at the expense of Larry "Rumble" Roverson, Chicago, in a scheduled six. Roverson gave Ryan all he could handle, drawing first blood with rapid-fire counters. Ryan's best weapon, the left hook, slowly drained Roverson as the Omahan kept up constant pressure. Roverson was down twice in the fifth, with the referee calling it a TKO after the second knockdown, though Roverson protested and wanted to continue.

Classy Ken Schafer, Omaha, knocked out Richard Green, St. Louis, in the second round of what had been a good action heavyweight go.

Felix "The Cat" Dubray, Omaha, had to work hard to eke out a majority decision over Bobby Brown of Memphis in an exciting lightweight six-rounder.

Probably the loudest cheered fight of the night saw local rivals clash as John Determan barely edged veteran warhorse "Tricky" Nicky Miller over four rounds. Both opened up throughout, staggering and decking the other. Just when it appeared Miller was on his way out, he would rally time and again, causing the arena to erupt. The promoters were so impressed they publicly announced bonuses for both.

Promoter: F&F Berns.
Referees: Larry & Doug Emery.
Timekeeper: Kenny Parker.
Judges: McGinnis, Murphy & Emery.
Attendance: 2,522.
(1-28-88)

BOB RUIZ

NEVADA

▶**LAS VEGAS**—A good crowd of 2,400, many of them Canadians, were on hand to witness Toronto's **Shawn O'Sullivan** take on **Luis Santana** for the NABF welterweight championship.

What they saw was O'Sullivan falling apart at the seams in a futile attempt to prevent the aggressive Santana from taking charge from the initial bell. The Hawthorne, California native dominated the popular Canadian, holding complete control until 1:57 of the 11th round when referee Richard Steele stepped in to save O'Sullivan further punishment.

O'Sullivan, 17-1, did not take the bout lightly as it was his first test at 12 rounds and he was forced to come in at 147. In his previous bouts, O'Sullivan was required to come in between 147 and 149.

Santana, whose record is 32-5-1, was well trained, strong and aggressive, and by the end of the fourth round, O'Sullivan was beginning to show signs of fatigue from Santana's body work.

By the end of the sixth, Santana was scoring at will. Though O'Sullivan managed to survive through the 10th, he was being hit with punches from all angles and only his courage kept him on his feet.

Finally, a solid right hand by Santana in Round 11 sent O'Sullivan sprawling across the ring and into the ropes. He regained his feet but had nothing left.

Santana continued to land unanswered punches until Steele stepped in. At the time, all cards favored Santana, one at 96-94, the other two a more accurate 97-93.

O'Sullivan later called a press conference to announce he would not be retiring and blamed only himself for his loss. His intentions are to resume training with no change in management, and there were some hints that he could face Toronto's Donovan Boucher for the Canadian welterweight crown. But such a bout would do little to enhance the career of O'Sullivan, who continues to have problems making 147 pounds.

Had O'Sullivan retired, it would have been a great loss to Canadian boxing. He shows poise, dignity and class wherever he appears.
(1-22-88)

FRANK ALLNUTT/JACK WELSH

▶**CARSON CITY**—Ormsby House—Hometown light heavyweight Nicky Walker survived a cut left eyelid to stop Cincinnati's Jeff McCall in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Walker also had a tooth knocked out and suffered a bloody nose, but overcame the stubborn McCall to score a TKO at 2:46 of the fifth session.

A left hook put McCall in danger and Walker unloaded, trying for the stoppage. Another left hook had McCall turning away from Walker, and referee Norm Budden stepped in to halt the proceedings.

"That was great," Walker told Alan Rogers of the *Nevada Appeal*. "I had to get rid of him. He was tougher than I thought he'd be. He was game."

Carson City's Alberto Gonzalez, 162, also posted a stoppage, halting the oft-beaten Jesse Abrams, 162½, of Des Moines, Iowa, at 2:26 of the fourth.

Oregon's Kenny Ward, 153¾, took the opening bout when Lovelock's Miguel Banuelos, 147, suffered a severe nose bleed and the scheduled four was stopped after the third.

Oregon lightweight Billy Martinez knocked out Las Vegas' Lindsey Harris in the second round.

Oregon's Kenny Carson, 116, took a majority, four-round verdict from South Lake Tahoe's Rafael Castillo, 120.

Promoter: Mashelle Begovich.
(1-30-88)

▶**RENO**—Peppermill Hotel—Omaha, Nebraska's Rick "King Kong" Kellar survived two fourth-round knockdowns to win a unanimous, 10-round decision over Carson City's Mark Lee.

Kellar, 225¼, was decked twice in the fourth round and appeared to be down a bout-ending third time in that round, but referee Mills Lane ruled Kellar hit the canvas after the bell had sounded.

Art Lurie scored 96-93, Keith MacDonald, 94-93, and Dan Connolly, 95-92, with Lee losing a point for rabbit punching.

Lee, who weighed 225 in losing his 14th against 27 wins, did not agree with Lane's ruling, commenting to Steve Sneddon of the *Reno Gazette-Journal*, "I'm upset. I'm speechless. He was on his knees (at the end of the fourth)."

Kellar, 28-13-1, fought back well from the fifth round on, and Lee claimed an elbow injury in the fifth prevented him from using his left jab for the remainder of the bout.

Light heavyweight Terrance Walker decked Carson City's Shaun Ayers twice, then flattened him with a right hand at 2:58 of the opening round of a scheduled 10. Ayers was taken to Washoe Medical Center after losing consciousness in his dressing room, but recovered satisfactorily.

Reno lightweight John Bryant scored a three-round TKO over Pilot Rock, Oregon's Jesse Madrilles.

Another lightweight match saw Reno's Darrell Hayes decision Boise, Idaho's Lorenzo Garcia.

Spokane, Washington welterweight Brian Thompson won a six-round decision over Reno's Aisea Loumoli.

Promoter: Mashelle Begovich.
(1-30-88)

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Tony Thornton (right) embraces Tyrone Mitchell Frazier shortly after being declared a unanimous winner in their 10-round middleweight clash in Atlantic City. Though Thornton won with room to spare, the previously unbeaten Frazier gave an excellent account of himself.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY**—Resorts International—It was one of the best one-sided fights you're likely to see.

Tony Thornton, 161, Glassboro, won a unanimous decision from Tyrone Mitchell Frazier, 163, Phila., in a well-fought and action-packed 10. With both fighters vacillating in recent performances, this figured to be a tough one to pick. Tony had threatened not to live up to expectations, while Tyrone had left it unclear just what his potential is. That made a close fight probable, but it wasn't. Actually, the eventual loser gave clues to his own undoing in the pre-fight hype.

". . . I love to work to the body," he had said. "If I can get there, I'll stay there. I like to counterpunch, but you got to take what the other guy gives you."

But Thornton's jab was excellent, keeping Tyrone in reverse and looking only for the one big right-hand counter. Tony controlled the terms, "gave" him little, and reduced Tyrone's offense to attempting to "get lucky." He almost did as early as the first, rocking Thornton and cutting his left eye. The wound remained a problem throughout, but Tony established the jab in the second and had Frazier in trouble from a right of his own. From there, Thornton dictated the action in a disciplined battle that showed that a match doesn't have to be unkempt to please the crowd. Tyrone's left eye began closing in the fourth, but he showed great heart to remain undaunted. Frazier's sporadic eruptions kept it exciting as the sell-out house roared like a club crowd.

Richard Murray scored it 100-90, John Stewart 98-93 and Joe Pasquale 97-93, but the numbers hardly do justice to the loser's spirited effort. It was his first loss, with two draws, in 16 outings. Joe O'Neil refereed.

The co-feature 10 shocked the house, not least of all the fighters themselves, as unpredictable **Fred Pendleton**, 139, Phila., stopped well-regarded **Sammy Fuentes**, 137, Loiza, PR, in just 14 seconds! Freddie rocketed across the ring at the bell, threw his body behind a howitzer of a right and found the stunned Fuentes tottering like a chopped tree. Pendleton went for the bait like a shark as the dazed Fuentes wobbled onto the ropes. A scorching right cross and left hook sent his mouthpiece flying and Sammy slithered down the strands as ref Joe Cortez had no option but to wave it over. Actually, it proved little, but it was a textbook example of a "caught-cold" fighter. However, the lesson was lost on the Pendleton camp. In a riotous victory celebration, the mercurial Freddy wiped out his own publicist, Dave Metzger, with a flying leap as the whole crew could only chorus, "We want Chavez!" Pendleton went to 20-15-3 and Fuentes to 16-6.

Popular "Rip" Rettig, 149¾, Bayonne, returned only to be chopped up and stopped by Paul Shorts, 147¼, Boston, after five of a scheduled eight. Shorts, normally a classic, standup boxer, met Rettig's chugging attack and was having none of it. He stood and slugged in brutal action, with his faster hands ripping Rip without mercy. Both fighters suffered cuts in a savage third, but it was Rettig, having fallen way behind, who was unable to continue into the sixth. The loser fell to 14-3, while the winner remained unbeaten in eight. Ref, O'Neil.

Stephan Johnson, 149½, Bklyn., broke open a tight bout with a knockdown in the third, going on to a unanimous win over Manuel Braga Opher, 153, Phila., in a hard-fought four. Johnson won his third without a loss, while Opher fell to 2-4. Ref, Cortez.

Drew Hayes, 159, Pleasantville, debuted with a KO of Mike Caminiti, 160¼, Albany, at 1:22 of the first, scheduled four. Caminiti drew boos after folding pathetically from a right to the solar plexus, dropping to 3-2-1. Ref, Cortez.

Promoter: Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmakers: Teddy Brenner & Ron Katz.
Attendance: 1,600 (est.).
TV: ESPN.
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Announcer: Mike Buffer.

(2-12-88)

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backed by Coors Beer wasn't just a rebirth, but a resurrection for local boxing and headliner **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad**.

The former WBA light heavy titleholder, now out of Newark, hadn't fought since failing to regain a slice of his crown against Slobodan Kacar in '85. At 196, Eddie resembled an overstuffed couch, but managed an interesting, if not wildly exciting win over useful "Prince" Ray Davidson, 192, Paterson. Eddie later denied conserving his output in deference to age, but his attack was a study in planned economy. Nevertheless, many of the old skills were in evidence, if not in abundance as he picked and executed his punches well. Davidson ran to survive, sticking out punches like a defensive flak, but Mustafa picked them off well. In the seventh, Eddie decided he had Ray where he wanted him. A booming right bounced him in a corner like a pinball between cushions, 'til a nifty left hook dropped him onto the bottom rope. Ref Tony Orlando stopped the scheduled 10 at 0:57.

The winner was positively thrilled with his effort, vowing to regain his old crown, annex the cruiser title and even the score with **Michael Spinks**, "after Mike knocks him out." One of the nicest guys in boxing, Eddie effused, "I'm not gonna' quit now. This is the most fun I've had in boxing!" Never noted for making a fight any tougher than he had to, perhaps that's why he can still call it fun.

Another recycle also showed the right stuff as Dale Jackson, 160, formerly Chi., now Newark, KO'd Donald Johnson, 156, Bklyn., at 1:03 of the sixth, scheduled eight. A ringwise spoiler, Johnson is a hard guy to look good against, let alone kayo. Jackson got off to a slow start, but once he found the range his punches had deadly precision. Donald's undoing came when he tried to deflect a left hook to the body downward in the fifth. Dale didn't miss the opportunity, launching a beauty of a right to deck him. Johnson fell apart after that, with a right to the head and left hook to the ribs dropping him for keeps a round later. The excited fans picked up ref Paul Venti's count and chorused it aloud.

Wali Muhammad, 179, Newark, won a unanimous verdict from Mike Belton, 179, New Rochelle, NY, eight. An awkward, slapping southpaw with a rubberband style, the visitor was giving the hard-hitting local trouble and seemed to be sneaking into the fight in the middle rounds. But the effort cost him more than Wali as he was battered and exhausted by the seventh. Ref, Orlando.

Returning Keith Corbett, 149, Newark, was surprisingly sharp, KO'ing game Derrick Davenport, 145, NYC, at 1:23 of the fifth, scheduled six. In sizzling action, Derrick was blasted to the canvas in the first, battled back into the fight, only to be dropped again in the fourth and fifth. Corbett brought his hands down with body shots, then came over the top with rights both times. Ref, Venti.

William "Bo" James, 156, Newark, needed only one shot to take out a less-determined Francis Kane, 153, NYC, at 0:43 of the first, scheduled six. Ref, Venti.

Promoter: Qasim Akbar (Express Professional Sports).
Matchmaker: Bahar Muhammad.
Attendance: 500, $8,000 (est.).
Judges: Ron Burns, Eugene Grant & John Poturaj.
Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert.
Announcer: Dennis Miller.
(2-4-88)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY**—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino—A classic boxer-puncher clash made for a hard-fought and controversial, but rather unpleasing mixup.

Bomber **Iran Barkley**, 162¼, Bronx, came away with a split verdict against clever Sanderline Williams, 159½, Cleveland, 10. Neither was able to look his best against the other. But that didn't stop them from taking whatever they could, by hook or crook, in a grueling and sloppy affair. Both were rocked in an explosive first that established the trend: Williams' sneak rights against Barkley's crushing left hooks. Iran's left eye was cut in the second and worsening in the third as the underdog proved bothersome whenever he could get room. But whenever the stronger Barkley decided to unleash, he swept away Williams' craft like a house of cards. By the seventh, Sanderline's boxing had taken on a negative aspect as if conceding Iran's superiority.

They could have let it peter out that way. Instead, they put on a furious finish as if intent on salvaging something from their ragged performances. Sanderline kicked it off, jolting Iran with a left hook. Iran replied with a murderous onslaught, but Sanderline gritted it out under heavy artillery to stagger him with another left hook in the closing seconds. Williams had won the crowd, but no way deserved John Riley's 96-94 vote. Frank Brunette and Milo Savage disagreed, 96-95 and 97-95, respectively. Joe Cortez refereed.

The loser admitted, "It could have gone either way. My combinations just weren't that sharp." But trainer Richie Giachetti was more sanguine. "That decision was terrible!" he fumed. "It seems every time I bring a fighter down here, Brunette pencils them out."

Barkley exclaimed, "I kept thinking about back in Italy. When I could have won, I just didn't dig down far enough. Tonight I pushed myself and said, 'Let's go get him.' " He may not have noticed, but it'll take more than grit not to remain an also-ran. Barkley rose to 22-4, while Williams fell to 22-5.

Anthony Boyle, 126, Phila., impressed with a unanimous win over long-inactive Michael Green, 125¾, Plainfield, in a fine eight. Both standup boxers, the winner used longer reach and quick reflexes to nullify the loser's mobility. Every time Green drifted into range, Boyle chopped him up with combination counters in a well-paced mix of boxing and punching. Ref, Tony Orlando. Anthony became 13-0-1 and Michael 9-2-2, while losing a seven-bout winning streak.

Harold Rhodes, 123¼, Elizabeth, surprised with an upset unanimous verdict over well-regarded Jorge Rivas, 127¼, Brooklyn, six. Harold showed no respect as he tore into the southpaw with sharp and relentless combination punching. Jorge had a rough first, then spent the rest of the action-packed battle trying to struggle uphill. It was his first loss after six wins, while Harold rose to 4-2. Ref, Cortez.

Davey France, 135½, Plainfield, dished out a shellacking to hapless Willie Ford, 134¼, Phila., to take a unanimous decision in a bitterly fought four. Franco became 3-1 and Ford 6-6-1. Ref, Orlando.

Promoter: Josephine Abercrombie & Stan Hoffman (HBA Inc.).
Matchmaker: Ron Katz.
Attendance: 1,100 (est.).
TV: Bud Sports Network.
Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
(1-29-88)

J.R. JOWETT

▶**ATLANTIC CITY**—Resorts International—The lukewarm and enigmatic career of **Doug "The Cobra" DeWitt**, 164¾, Yonkers, NY, continued on an uneven keel when the veteran pug once again had to rally in the closing rounds; this time only managing to salvage a 10-round draw with upstart Ron Essett, 164¼, now boxing out of The Pigtown Gym in Baltimore, Md. Regardless of the outcome, it was a treat for the fans in a battle of the DeWitt left hook versus the Essett lead right hand. Even the official scoring was remarkably consistent with nine out of 10 rounds being scored the same!

DeWitt wheeled out at the first bell as if on a mission to sew up a quick victory, thus giving him plenty of rest for a scheduled bout with **Michael Nunn**. As it does in so many DeWitt outings, this take charge attitude took a nosedive and obligatory struggle began.

Ben Getty, Essett's new trainer, yelled at his pupil, "Essett, get outside." He did, and was very successful at it. For rounds 2, 3 and 4, DeWitt tried to pepper the body. But Essett was growing more confident as he was able to repeatedly land single right hands to keep DeWitt at bay. On the inside, Essett tied up DeWitt effectively.

It was looking so easy, but then Dougie awoke briefly in the fifth with dogged stubbornness in rough and tumble action. This was the only session in which the judges did not agree; two votes for DeWitt, one for Essett. DeWitt went to sleep again in the following three minutes and it appeared as if the verdict was slipping away.

Round Seven opened with Ronnie bringing the right hand into prominence with ridiculous ease. Finally realizing a strategy of ducking low and punching to the body in effective spurts, DeWitt got himself back into the action. At this point, Ron had swept rounds two through seven, except for the fifth, and led in rounds 5-2, 5-2 and 6-1. DeWitt had his work cut out for him and had no one to blame but himself.

Managing to apply just the proper amount of pressure

CANADIAN RATINGS
BY THE CANADIAN PROFESSIONAL BOXING FEDERATION
(As of February, 1988)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie de Wit (Grand Prairie)
1. Donovan Ruddock (Toronto)
2. Ken Lakusta (Edmonton)
3. Jim Gradson (Toronto)
4. Conroy Nelson (Toronto)
5. Barry Forbes (Calgary)
6. Roby Robinson (Windsor)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willy Featherstone (Pickering)
1. Tony Morrison (Toronto)
2. Danny Stonewalker (Hobbema)
3. Dave Fiddler (Winnipeg)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Muhammed Eltassi (Winnipeg)
1. Sadik Sulemana (Toronto)
2. Kelly Perlette (Spruce Grove)
3. Darrell Flint (Halifax)
4. Terry Jessmer (Winnipeg)
5. Gary MacIntyre (Baie St. Anne)
6. John Herbert (Winnipeg)
7. Byron Prince (Winnipeg)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Donovan Boucher (Toronto)
1. Shawn O'Sullivan (Toronto)
2. Mario Cusson (Montreal)
3. Rick Souce (Toronto)
4. Danny Winters (Parrsboro)
5. Denis Sigouin (Hull)
6. Dewith Frazer (Toronto)
7. Jean-Paul Petrin (Hull)
8. Wayne Gordon (Lower Sackville)
9. George Sponagle (Prince George)
10. Patrick McWilliams (Scarborough)
11. Stan Cunningham (Edmonton)
12. Benoit Boudreau (Moncton)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Mark Adams (Parrsboro)
1. Remo DiCarlo (Toronto)
2. Harpal Talhan (Edmonton)
3. John Kahlbeen (Toronto)
4. Nedrae Simmons (Toronto)
5. Greg Gayle (Ottawa)
6. Brad Jeffries (Windsor)
7. Mike Short (Calgary)
8. Albert Dumas (Brampton)
9. Pat Layne (Toronto)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Barrington Francis (Montreal)
2. Pasquale Procopio (Montreal)
3. Serge Cusson (Montreal)
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5. Reggie Johnson (Calgary)
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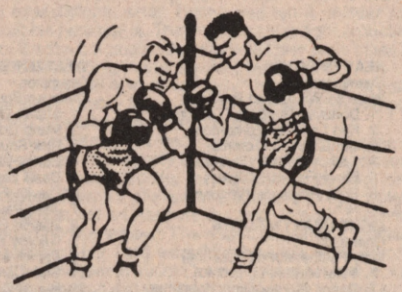

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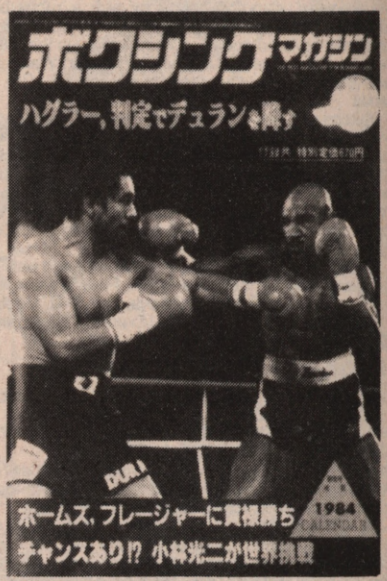

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down the stretch, Doug rose to the occasion via the hook, be it body or head. Taking the younger man out of his rhythm, he captured a lively eighth round and continued on a roll with genuine enthusiasm in taking the last two rounds as well, with Essett holding on the final minute, compliments of a left hook.

As usual, DeWitt's post-fight speech had the sounds of a confused warrior.

"I thought I beat this guy, but I still fought a lousy fight," said DeWitt. "I didn't get up for this fight the way I should. It's not just how you train, it's how you eat. I ate what I wanted, did what I wanted. In that kind of condition, I shouldn't have went through with this fight. I just won them (the last three rounds) on guts because I had nothing else going for me tonight. I just threw everything at him to do what I needed."

As for Essett, he said, "I got tired a little at the end and he just swarmed me. I'm going to use this draw to my advantage."

Judge Charlie Spina saw it 96-94 for Essett, while Eugene Grant and Frank Cairo each had 95-95, same as *The Ring*. Ref; Tony Perez. DeWitt is 29-5-3, 16 KOs, while Essett is 13-2-1, nine KOs.

"Dangerous" Daryl Lattimore, 147, Wash., DC, raised his record to 11-0 (five by KO) with a rather monotonous 10-round unanimous decision over J.J. Waters, 144¾, Austin, Texas. While Waters was cool and shifty with a tricky defense, the lanky Texan failed to mount a productive offense against his quicker-handed southpaw foe. Lattimore, who stayed busy enough even when the match degenerated into a mauling affair over the last four rounds, showed complete dominance over Waters; though neither fighter should be billed as world class 10-round headliners.

Waters, who saw his record fall to 12-2-1, four KOs, received a small cut over the right eye in the first round, and by the bout's end his left eye was puffy. Scores: Grant; 97-93, Spina; 98-92, Cairo; 99-91. *The Ring* also had it 99-91, giving Waters only the last round, one in which he actually had the nerve to hurt Lattimore. Ref; Randy Neumann.

The relentless pressing of switch-hitting Derrick "Too Sweet" Rolon, 152, Elizabeth, NJ, paid off with a shutout (all cards 60-54) six-round decision over human sponge Warren "Moon" Nelson, 153, Philadelphia. The gutty Nelson, a come-from-behind winner in his previous two outings, was never let off the hook in this one. Ref; Perez.

In a tepid four-rounder involving pro debuts, Tony Blair, 165, Phila., Pa., and Nicky Johnson, 163½, Brooklyn, NY, ended in a majority draw. Neither boxer, especially Johnson, seemed eager to seize the moment. Scores: Grant had it for Blair 39-37, while Cairo and Spina had it 38-38. *The Ring* agreed with Grant. Ref; Neumann.

Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert.

Promoters: Top Rank & Frank Gelb.

Matchmakers: Teddy Brenner & Ron Katz.

Television: ESPN.

(1-29-88)

▶**EAST RUTHERFORD**—Meadowlands Sheraton—In rough and rugged earthiness symbolic of something only witnessed in a Hollywood script, Pretty Pat Prisco —discarding his nickname — and Tony Corrado waged war the old-fashioned way; they savored it. Rounds one, four, five and eight were five-star affairs, with the more compact Corrado, short on power but long on desire, pressing ever onward no matter the odds. For his part, Prisco, the taller of the two, had to pick apart the storm before it could back him to the ropes with clubbing right hands, thus negating the reach difference. Prisco would meet the kamikaze assaults with bristling combinations and the occasionally effective right uppercut.

The first three rounds were bitterly even up. But in the fourth Corrado suffered a cut on his left eyelid, and while he gamely fought on, he just couldn't muster up enough power to win another round. Prisco held his ground as the Corrado tornado was slowly winding down. The end came for this scheduled 10-rounder at 1:42 of the ninth after Prisco unloaded a left/right combination that finally dropped Tony. He struggled to his feet by the count of eight, but referee Tony Orlando said sorry son, it's over. No complaints, just a respectful embrace and a generous portion of fan appreciation.

Prisco, of Madison, NJ, weighed in at 161 and saw his record move to 19-5-1, six KOs. Corrado, 161¼, Kingston, NY, is now reported to be 11-11.

Henry Hughes, 146¾, Cleve., OH, had an easy time of it in taking an eight-round unanimous decision over a once useful, but now fizzled Roberto "Sugar" Mendez, 145, Trenton, NJ. Hughes, who possesses little power, enabled Mendez to at least go the route with a non-aggressive approach, constantly letting Mendez off the

WORLD RATINGS
BY THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION
(As of February, 1988)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Tyson (US)
1. Trevor Berbick (US)
2. Carl Williams (US)
3. Frank Bruno (England)
4. Tony Tucker (US)
5. James Douglas (US)
6. Orlin Norris (US)
7. Tony Tubbs (US)
8. Tim Witherspoon (US)
9. Francesco Damiani (Italy)
10. Adilson Rodriguez (Brazil)
11. Willie de Wit (Canada)
12. Rodney Frazier (US)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Evander Holyfield (US)
1. Anthony Witherspoon (US)
2. Bert Cooper (US)
3. Patrick Lumumba (Kenya)
4. Alfonso Ratliff (US)
5. Taoufik Balbouli (France)
6. Bash Ali (US)
7. Sherman Griffin (US)
8. Jose Flores (Uruguay)
9. Sammy Reeson (England)
10. Tony Fulilangi (Tonga)
11. Glenn McCrory (England)
12. Ralf Rocchigiani (Germany)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charles Williams (US)
1. Bobby Czyz (US)
2. Nestor Giovannini (Argentina)
3. Anthony Willis (US)
4. Chris Reid (US)
5. Uriah Grant (US)
6. Rufino Angulo (France)
7. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
8. Willy Featherstone (Canada)
9. Joe Lasisi (Nigeria)
10. Tom Collins (England)
11. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
12. Richard Caramanolis (France)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Lindell Holmes (US)
2. Vincent Boulware (US)
3. Graciano Rocchigiani (Germany)
4. Nicky Walker (US)
5. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
6. Sanderline Williams (US)
7. Tarmo Uusivirta (Finland)
8. Tyrone Frazier (US)
9. Lenny LaPaglia (US)
10. Nigel Benn (England)
11. Polly Pasiereron (Indonesia)
12. Victor Cordova (Panama)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Frank Tate (US)
1. Michael Olajide (Canada)
2. Michael Nunn (US)
3. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
4. Marvin Hagler (US)
5. Doug DeWitt (US)
6. Herol Graham (England)
7. Tony Sibson (England)
8. Mark Janssen (Australia)
9. Frank Winterstein (Germany)
10. Iran Barkley (US)
11. Roberto Duran (Panama)
12. Jose Quinones (Puerto Rico)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Matthew Hilton (Canada)
1. Buster Drayton (US)
2. Robert Hines (US)
3. Troy Waters (Australia)
4. Donald Curry (US)
5. Darrin Van Horn (US)
6. John Jackson (US)
7. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
8. Saad Skouma (France)
9. Milton McCrory (US)
10. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
11. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
12. Lupe Aquino (US)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Simon Brown (US)
2. Tyrone Trice (US)
3. Lloyd Honeyghan (England)
4. Rollin Williams (US)
5. Tomas Molinares (Colombia)
6. Mark Breland (US)
7. Felipe Canela (US)
8. Bobby Joe Young (US)
9. Al Long (US)
10. Vincent Pettway (US)
11. Maurice Blocker (US)
12. Hector Vilte (Argentina)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Frankie Warren (US)
2. Buddy McGirt (US)
3. Jong Jung Pacquing (Philippines)
4. Meldrick Taylor (US)
5. Harold Brazier (US)
6. Genaro Leon (Mexico)
7. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Republic)
8. John Meekins (US)
9. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
10. Engels Pedroza (Venezuela)
11. Rudolfo Gonzales (Mexico)
12. Courtney Hooper (US)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Vinny Pazienza (US)
2. Greg Haugen (US)
3. Pernell Whitaker (US)
4. Amancio Castro (Colombia)
5. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
6. Fred Pendleton (US)
7. Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark)
8. John Duplessis (US)
9. Primo Ramos (Mexico)
10. Sakad Petchyindee (Thailand)
11. Frankie Randall (US)
12. Terrence Alli (US)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Rocky Lockridge (US)
1. Harold Knight (US)
2. Jim McDonnell (England)
3. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
4. Tomas DaCruz (Brazil)
5. Salvatore Bottiglieri (Italy)
6. Tony Lopez (US)
7. Ariel Duran (Philippines)
8. Tyrone Jackson (US)
9. Felipe Orozco (Colombia)
10. Jean Baptiste Mendy (France)
11. Geron Porras (Philippines)
12. Nicky Perez (US)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Calvin Grove (US)
1. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
2. Lupe Suarez (US)
3. Hector Lopez (US)
4. George Navarro (US)
5. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
6. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
7. Jeff Franklin (US)
8. Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
9. Mauricio Stecca (Italy)
10. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
11. Alexander Wassa (Indonesia)
12. Jose Marmolejo (Panama)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
1. Moises Fuentes (Colombia)
2. Luis Mendoza (Colombia)
3. Samart Payakaroon (Thailand)
4. Jose Sanabria (US)
5. Jesse Benavides (US)
6. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
7. Valerio Nati (Italy)
8. James Pipps (US)
9. Aaron Lopez (US)
10. Ruben Palacios (Colombia)
11. Jorge Diaz (US)
12. Loris Stecca (Italy)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Kelvin Seabrooks (US)
1. Jimmy Navarro (US)
2. Fabrice Benichou (France)
3. Kaokor Galaxy (Thailand)
4. Gaby Canizales (US)
5. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
6. Thierry Jacob (France)
7. Ernie Cantuluna (Philippines)
8. Miguel Maturana (Colombia)
9. Raul Perez (Mexico)
10. Wiem Sapulete (Indonesia)
11. Frankie Duarte (US)
12. Hurley Snead (US)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Elly Pical (Indonesia)
1. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
2. Juan Polo (Colombia)
3. Santos Laciar (Argentina)
4. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
5. Cesar Polanco (Dominican Republic)
6. Francisco Alvarez (Colombia)
7. Mauro Diaz (Mexico)
8. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
9. Luis Curtis (US)
10. Ruben Condori (Argentina)
11. Michael Parris (Guyana)
12. Kongtoranee Payakarun (Thailand)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Rolando Bohol (Philippines)
1. Duke McKenzie (England)
2. Dodie Penalosa (Philippines)
3. Ramon Medal (US)
4. Thanomsak Sithbaobey (Thailand)
5. Chang-Ho Choi (Korea)
6. Miguel Mercedes (Dominican Republic)
7. Dave McAuley (England)
8. Elvis Alvarez (Colombia)
9. Mauricio Bernal (Colombia)
10. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
11. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
12. Orlando Canizales (US)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jum-Hwan Choi (Korea)
1. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
2. Sonny Vidal (Philippines)
3. Rudolfo Alvarado (Mexico)
4. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
5. Francisco Tejedor (Colombia)
6. Udin Beharudin (Indonesia)
7. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
8. Toribio Riascos (Colombia)
9. Virgillo Chifundo (Panama)
10. Tacy Macalos (Philippines)
11. Wilbaldo Salazar (Mexico)
12. Tony DeLuca (US)

MINI FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Boy Lucas (Philippines)
2. Samuth Sithnarvepol (Thailand)
3. Eric Chavez (Philippines)
4. Nico Thomas (Indonesia)
5. Santiago Mendez (Mexico)
6. Kajkong Danthoothai (Thailand)
7. Jon Arief (Indonesia)
8. Trang Bunlerd (Thailand)
9. Nana Suhana (Indonesia)
10. Hector Patri (Argentina)
11. Den Sorthanikul (Thailand)
12. Julius Leojan (Indonesia)

hook. Scores: John Riley, 80-72 and Milo Savage, 79-74, while Tom Kaczmareck had it 79-73. *The Ring* card read 80-70 for Hughes. Ref; Frank Cappuccino.

In another scheduled eight, Hughes' stablemate, Alfonso Bailey, 157¾, Jersey City, NJ, showed a bit more interest in an early ending as he registered a TKO win over Tony Hopkins; 162, Youngstown, OH, at 2:38 of the fifth. While Hopkins was never down, this awkward slapper was flopping about aimlessly when Cappuccino wisely stopped it.

In a heavyweight six, angular Art Tucker, 212½, E. Orange, NJ, labored to find the right moment. But when he did, all it took was one scorching right hand to lay the reluctant Donnell Jackson, 230, Wash., DC, out in prone position. Orlando didn't even bother to count and yet robbed Tucker of a pure KO by ruling it a TKO at 1:13 of Round Five.

Face-first John Freda, 182½, Jersey City, showed enough forward motion to take a four-round majority decision over the conservative back-pedalling style of Bert Gravley, 179¾, Beckley, WV. Scores: Savage and Kaczmareck at 40-37, while Riley had it 38-38. Ref; Orlando.

Southpaw Edwin Ruiz, 138¼, AC, had no trouble whatsoever with the unschooled Bradley Austin, 141¾, The Bronx. While Ruiz is more the flighty type, he managed to enhance his shutout win with a two-punch knockdown of Austin in Round Three. Ref; Cappuccino.

Curt Exum, 147, Madison, WI, proved too sharp for the plodding Pat Cutaneo, 149½, Morristown, NJ. Pat was bloodied as well as dropped in the second and, mercifully, between rounds his corner told referee Cappuccino that was enough for their man and the scheduled four ended as a second-round TKO win for Exum.

Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert.

Promoter: Jim Wiley as Hudson County Enterprises.

Announcer: Frank Shain.

(2-12-88)

JACK OBERMAYER

NEW YORK

▶**NEW YORK CITY**—Felt Forum—In a very odd but entertaining main event, **Michael Olajide** (160½, New York City) overcame a serious hand injury to defeat Cecil Pettigrew (162½, Tulsa, Okla.) by a unanimous 10-round decision. Pettigrew, a trialhorse with a 24-16-2, 16 kayoes record, proved a bit more stubborn than anyone had suspected, and once the crowd had divined his intention to fight back, the hall rocked with shouts of "Ce-cil! Ce-Cil!" Olajide, who has long been a favorite here, was visibly surprised by the crowd's behavior, but was able to outfight Pettigrew in any case. Pettigrew launched impressive attacks in the fourth, sixth and seventh rounds, but in no case was he able to sustain them; Olajide had Pettigrew badly hurt in each of the last three rounds. Some ringsiders appeared put out that Olajide didn't score a kayo, but it was revealed after the fight that Michael had gone into the ring with a stitched-up right hand, and that the stitches had popped (surprise, surprise!) during the bout. One wonders how thoroughly the New York State Athletic Commission could have examined him.

At all events, the decision was never in doubt: Judges Bernie Friedkin and Georgie Colon scored it 8-2, Olajide; judge Carol Castellano had Michael ahead 9-1; *The Ring* favored the winner, 7-2-1. The crowd criticized the decision rather vociferously, to an extent that one wondered what on Earth had got into everyone. Olajide's record is now 25-1, 17 kayoes. Al LoBianco refereed.

An interesting supporting bout scheduled for 10 saw local prospect **Chris Reid** (173, Little Silver, N.J.) stop Doug Kaluza (172, Lincoln, Neb.) at 2:39 of the third. This was good hard-swinging action all the way: Kaluza went down late in the opening round from accumulated punishment, but struggled up and actually managed to outslug Reid in the second.

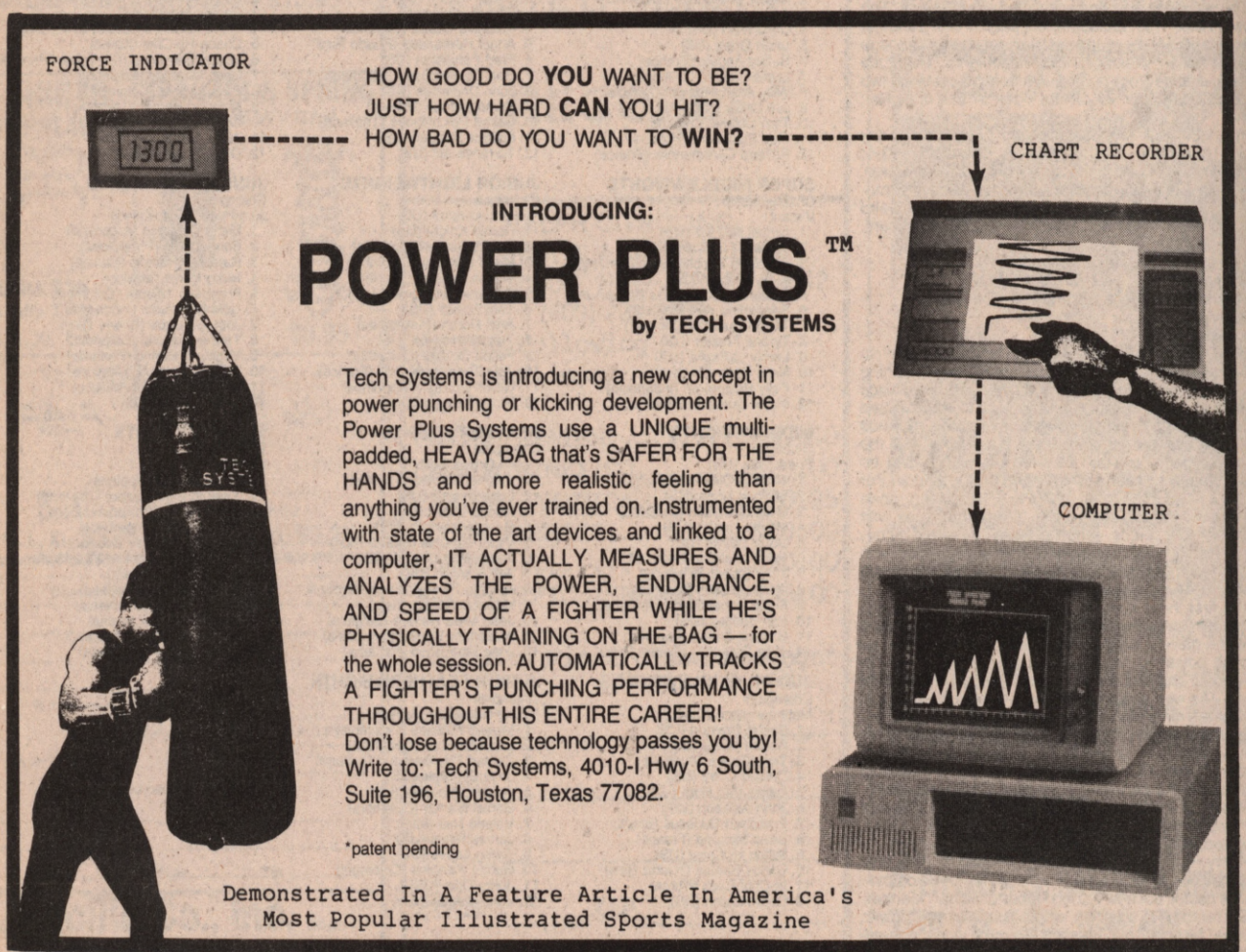
Kaluza went down again early in the third from a left hook that traveled about two inches; he brawled back gamely until a series of right hands put him down a second time, this time nearly out of the ring. The Nebraskan tried to retreat following the second knockdown, but Reid finally caught him and knocked him flat with a long right. A redundant towel floated into the ring at this point, just as ref Fred Ucci signalled a halt. Reid, who is still an all-offense fighter, is now 19-1-1, 18 kayoes; the brave but limited Kaluza is 15-3, six kayoes.

Parisian Chris Tiozzo (163), another Forum fixture, took an easy 10-round decision from Fort Worth-based veteran Charles Campbell (164) in a better performance than the fans have come to expect from the oh-so-conservative Frenchman. Tiozzo displayed some first-class counterpunching throughout, although he still can't punch a lick. Neither can Campbell: *The Ring* and judge Al Reid gave Tiozzo every round, while judges Friedkin and Colon scored it 9-1. Joe Santarpia refereed. Tiozzo remains unbeaten at 17-0, 11 kayoes; Campbell disimproved to 18-5-1, 11 kayoes.

In a pretty good scheduled eight, **Glenwood Brown** (145, Plainfield, N.J.) stayed unbeaten at 16-0, 12 kayoes, stopping Kenny Releford (152, Fort Worth) at 2:58 of the sixth. Releford, who'd been expected to serve as mere cannon fodder, put up a courageous effort and actually hurt Brown once or twice, but was utterly outclassed; ref Nic Drake stepped in at the end of the sixth with Releford still on his feet but taking stick. The crowd didn't like it, but Drake was right. Releford, who was a likely looking kid once upon a time, is now 12-10-1, 11 kayoes.

Strangely, the other five fights on the card all went into the books as two-round kayoes.

Felix Santiago (148, Brooklyn) improved his record to 16-1-1, 12 kayoes, when Rick Kaiser (150, Omaha) pulled a hamstring and failed to come up for the second round in a scheduled eight. The well-traveled Kaiser (now 20-12-1, 15 kayoes) hit the deck twice in the opening round and clearly had something wrong with him,



although he did his best. LoBianco refereed.

Ray Leonard-managed Dallasite Robert Byrd (135) took his 13th victory in as many fights, 10th by kayo, by hammering Pedro Montero into submission at 2:37 of the second in a scheduled eight. Montero (134, New York City) suffered a flash knockdown in the bout's opening seconds, then took a plain old-fashioned pounding until a freak shot late in the second round dislocated a bone in his right forearm. Ref Drake's suggestion that this circumstance should end the dispute brought no objections from anyone. Montero's record is now 12-10-1, four kayoes.

Brooklyn heavy Alex Stewart (218) scored his 10th kayo in as many starts, stopping a Mister-Five-by-Five named George Garza (200, New Orleans) at 1:39 of the second in a scheduled six. No knockdowns, but Garza (now 7-3, four kayoes) was outclassed and hurting when referee Ucci stepped in.

In a scheduled four, Greg Walsh (225, Huntington, N.Y.) improved to 3-0-1, two kayoes, when opponent Tony Hayes (220, Winston-Salem, N.C.) couldn't answer the bell for Round Two. Walsh had not hurt Hayes in the least; the man was simply incapable of fighting for more than one minute. Hayes was in a state of utter exhaustion long before the first round had ended. He's now 0-2. Drake refereed.

In the walkout, scheduled for six, Stewart Daniels (157, Queens) went to 4-1, two kayoes, with an unremarkable TKO of Rahim Muhammad (155, Atlantic City, now 1-2, one kayo), ref Santarpia stepping in at 2:26 of the second with Daniels doing a fairly destructive number and Muhammad about to collapse.

Timekeeper: Cecilio Pedraja.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
Attendance: 2,037.
(2-4-88)

JOSEPH D'O'BRIAN

OKLAHOMA

▶**OKLAHOMA CITY**—Central Plaza Hotel—It seems every time **Jerry "Wimpy" Halstead** wins a fight, which has been often of late, more losses disappear from his record.

Lately, Halstead's promo team has been releasing information consistently showing Halstead's record as having two defeats. After his most recent victory, a 10-round decision over Walter Santemore, Halstead claims a 33-2 record with 27 knockouts.

However, too many punches to the head must have shortened "Wimpy's" memory. A review of his ledger reveals a six-round decision loss to Mike Costello in 1983, which was followed by a rematch later that year in which Halstead was stopped in two rounds. In 1984 he went winless, drawing in eight with Tyrone Booze and losing in eight to Walter Civoli before being stopped in five by Alvino Manson. In 1986 he was stopped in eight by **Greg Page** and last year dropped a decision to **Tony Tubbs**. That adds up to six losses and a draw. Maybe Halstead needs some tutoring in math.

That Halstead has been active cannot be argued. What he hopes to accomplish with victories over the likes of the 35-year-old Santemore can be debated, however. Halstead, 6-3, 225, couldn't stop the 6-5, 240-pound Santemore. He couldn't even put him down. But he did win handily, receiving scores of 100-90 (twice) and 100-89.

"I have problems knocking out a guy that big," Halstead told Jerome Earnest of *The Daily Oklahoman*. "And you can see his experience. I thought I had him. I should've knocked him out, but . . . I'm disappointed in myself.

"I'm going to be back in the gym tomorrow," added Halstead. "This is fun. I'm on a roll. I'm going to keep this up until I get a title shot or get beat up so bad I can't fight anymore."

At which point he'll probably become an accountant. If so, perhaps Santemore could become his partner. The loser claimed he had never been knocked out, but *The Ring Record Book* of 1985 shows him being stopped nine times between 1976 and 1984!

On the undercard, Buck Smith scored a unanimous decision over Vernon Garrett, Rocky Berg knocked out Elliot Knight in the second and Keith McMurry took a unanimous decision over Aaron Brown. No weights or distances were provided at press time.
(2-2-88)

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**PHILADELPHIA**—Blue Horizon—A seasonal hiatus from cable TV returned this club to its coveted "old-timey" atmosphere. Unfortunately, a fine show was marred by dreadful officiating.

Sleeper Rodney Moore, 141, N. Phila., a competent fighter who has been unable to break out of the pack, was held to a draw by difficult trialhorse Anthony Andrews, 141, NYC, eight. Anthony beat Rodney at his own game, tricky, standup boxing, in a fast start. But after Moore was visibly rattled by rib shots in the third, he turned the tables with a body attack of his own in the fourth. Coming on, Moore put over a sharp lead right, then a left hook to the ribs that had Andrews out on his feet in the seventh. But the bell prevented the local from taking full advantage. Though the late surge appeared to give Rodney a narrow edge, the judges scored it like a three-ring circus. Al Morris had 38-35 Moore, Lynne Carter 36-36 and Ozzie Sadler an incredible 39-35 Andrews! Rodney became 15-6-1 and Anthony a reported 13-4-1. Ref, Tommy Reid.

In the co-feature eight, Frank Montgomery, 154, W. Phila., withstood a late charge to hang on to a unanimous win over Eric Holland, 153, N. Phila. In bristling action, the skilled Montgomery was too sharp for the less-schooled Holland and built an early lead. But the stubborn underdog eventually blunted Frank's edge with relentless pressure, sweeping the late rounds. Morris and Carter scored 37-36, with Ozzie off base at 39-36. Ref, John Carroll.

In an interesting matchup, two shopworn "opponents" with long losing records nevertheless put on an entertaining bout. But once again, the judges made it a laugher. Mike Brown, 135½, N. Phila., was robbed blind when given only a draw with Rich McCain, 140, S. Phila., six. The out-of-shape McCain showed some peppery countering, but couldn't match the work rate of the more eager Brown. Rich had Mike in trouble in the third, but that was his only winning round. Morris was correct at 29-27, but Carter copped out at 27-all, while Ozzie (who was having a bad night) had his corners mixed, with 29-27 McCain! Ref, Reid.

Andre Prophet, 177½, N. Phila., again impressed, stopping rugged Tony Williams, 175½, Port Norris, NJ, at 2:11 of the second, scheduled four. Left hook counters dropped Tony, then staggered him, and Carroll halted it. The returning Williams fell to 1-2.

Tony Green, 127½, W. Phila., also impressed with a whirlwind attack and good mix of punches to TKO hard-luck Wayne Christian, 128½, N. Phila., at 2:32 of the first, scheduled four. Wayne was dropped and had one eye closed when Reid rescued him. The winner went to 2-0 and the loser to 0-2.

In an amateurish, but earnest attempt, Tony Blair, 163½, N. Phila., won a unanimous decision over Maurice Johnson, 162½, Wilmington, four. Maurice, who had suffered his first loss after two wins, was in the fight until dropped by a left hook counter in the third. That took all the starch out of him as Tony rose to 1-0-1. Ref, Carroll.

Promoter: Peltz Boxing Promotions.
Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz.
Attendance: 767, $8,700.
Timekeeper: Tony Stenza.
Announcer: Hank Kropinski.
(2-9-88)

J.R. JOWETT

TENNESSEE

▶**MEMPHIS**—Omni-Daisy Theatre—WBC Continental Americas cruiserweight champion Michael Greer, 194½, successfully defended his belt with a unanimous, 12-round decision over Bahamian Pat Strachan, 182.

Stachan was game, but Greer experienced little difficulty, Bobby Holdenfield scoring 120-112, Sam Garland, 120-113, and Mark Acheson, 119-110.

"I was just glad to get some work," Greer, who improved his record to 32-6-2, told Pete Wickham of *The Commercial Appeal*, "He's a tough fighter and I didn't do anything right. I knew I was getting in more punches, but it's been so long since I went 12 rounds, even in the gym."

Strachan, a reported 27-5, complained, "There was a lot of head butting in there. To me, he didn't fight like a champion. I thought I was outboxing him, that I deserved some respect."

Shaking off a three-month layoff, Knox Brown, 162½, stopped fellow Memphian Marcellus Jackson, 164, at 1:15 of the third frame in a scheduled six.

"He's a boxer, he's lefthanded and he likes to move away," Brown (28-8) told Wickham. "That's my nightmare. I knew if I got inside I could hurt him because I didn't think he was in that great a shape and my chin can go the distance."

Covington's Chuck Glover, 144, improved to 18-2 as he stopped Michael Moss, 146, Meridian, Mississippi, at 1:57 of the second in a scheduled six.

Joe Adams, 212, and fellow Memphian Robert Thomas, 198, fought to a six-round draw.

Promoters: Tom Harmon/Mid South Boxing Inc.
Matchmaker: Red Fortner.
Announcer: Sleepy Rutherford.
Judges: Garland, Acheson, Holdenfield, Gilbert Beam, James Perkins and Haywood Watts.
Referees: Jim Kidd, Garland & Irving Tucker.
Timekeeper: Rod Cardone.
Physician: Jeff Hoover.
Attendance: 600 (est.).
(2-2-88)

MICHAEL GLENN

▶**BRISTOL**—Viking Hall—NABF featherweight champion **Bernard Taylor** added another title as he became the Tennessee junior lightweight champion by pounding out a 10-round decision over Gary Stallworth of Elizabethtown.

Taylor, from Knoxville, said he wanted a knockout, and, "If it wasn't for the bell ringing, I'd have got him out of there."

Stallworth said, "He's still got a little pop. He knew what to do in there."

In other action former WBA heavyweight titleholder **John Tate** of Knoxville won a unanimous, four-round decision over Wesley Smith of Louisville, Kentucky. Smith was down in the second and third rounds and was given a standing eight in the fourth. Tate improved to 35-2, with Smith falling to 10-6-1.

Good-looking prospect Wesley Watson of Bristol stopped Calvin Jones of Cincinnati at 2:27 of the second round. Watson, 6-4, 232, is 8-0 and appears to have a very bright future.

Talented junior welterweight Billy Bridges of Knoxville extended his record to 9-0 with a unanimous, six-round decision over Curtis Gholson of Louisville. Gholson proved he can take a punch. In fact, he proved it several times.

Light heavyweight Mark Carrier, a high school senior in Bristol, lost a split decision to Louisville's Larry Fortner and saw his record slip to 2-1.

In another light heavyweight contest Robert Clevinger of Newport, Tennessee won a four-round decision over Raymond Sims of Cincinnati. Clevenger remains unde-

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feated at 3-0-2, while Sims slides to 5-4.

In the evening's opener Bristol's Terry Dyer scored a first-round TKO over Cincinnati heavyweight Steve Brockman. Dyer is 3-0, with Brockman suffering his third loss in as many tries.

Promoter: Larry Carrier.

Referees: Deacon Bowers, Robert Jackson, James Cradic & Buddy Russell.

Announcer: Chip Surber.

Attendance: 2,000.

JERI SURBER

WEST VIRGINIA

▶**PARKERSBURG**—Parkersburg South High School Fieldhouse—One of the most anticipated fights in recent West Virginia boxing history took place as 46-year-old local legend Burt Hayes took on state heavyweight champion "Slammin'" Sammy Scaff in a 12-round title fight.

However, the fight did not live up to the hype as Hayes, 192, Vienna, had to retire in his corner due to a pinched nerve in his right shoulder at 2:01 of Round Four. The injury, first sustained in a training session two weeks before the match, was aggravated when Scaff, 263, Huntington, stumbled and accidently pushed Hayes through the ropes and partially onto a ringside table. After a two-minute examination by ringside physician Paul Brooks, referee Billy Tibbs signalled the end of the bout and possibly Hayes' career.

"I wanted to fight one-armed, but they, of course, weren't going to let that happen," said Hayes. "It's just so disappointing for (my career) to end this way. I put everything I had into this fight and I don't know whether I want to train this hard again. I would rather have been knocked out than to go out like this."

Hayes, who stands only 5-9, controlled the first minute of the fight as he backed the 6-7 Scaff into the ropes with hooks and right hands to the head. But in gunning for the taller man's chin, Hayes often had to wade in with his chin up in the air and that enabled Scaff to land his heavy right hand at will throughout the rest of the match. "Slammin'" Sam's attack eventually reddened Hayes' face and the Vienna resident was reduced to looking for the one big shot.

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"My strategy was to jab him and wear him out because a 46-year-old man can't go 12 rounds," Scaff said after the fight. "I was waiting until the fifth round to cut loose on him. The guy was really game, but if the fight had gone on, I could have seriously hurt him because I can go 12 rounds. I didn't want that on my conscience."

When asked about the incident along the ropes, the champ said, "I never pushed him into the ropes. His momentum was going backwards and I was following him, throwing punches, and he got caught in between the ropes. There wasn't any push because I don't want to win fights like that."

Hayes said there was a push, but it was accidental in nature.

With the win, Scaff extended his record to 31-10 with 25 KOs, while Hayes retires with a 23-9 slate that includes 20 KOs.

The main event was the culmination of an unusual night of boxing in that of the 10 fights scheduled, all finished inside the distance and eight ended within two rounds.

Twenty-one fight veteran James "The Hawk" Holley, 202, Cleveland, won on a first-round disqualification over Tyrone Booze, 197, Coal Center, PA. After Holley controlled the first minute with an accurate right jab, Booze (10-8-1) manuevered "The Hawk" to the ropes where a sudden left hook to the ear dropped Holley to the canvas. However, according to referee Tibbs, Booze hit his fallen opponent and as a result, the bout was immediately terminated.

Donnell Wingfield, 186, Toronto, Canada, improved his record to 9-0 with an impressive one-round TKO over Tim McCurdy, 181, Cincinnati. Wingfield beautifully set up his man with several hard body-head left hook combinations. A short right dumped McCurdy, now 5-6 overall, for a five-count. Moments later, a left hook floored McCurdy for the second time and, although he beat the count, Tibbs wisely halted the bout 1:45 after it started.

The most impressive performance of the card belonged to Toronto switch-hitter Dewith Frazer, 154, who scored a 58-second TKO over Greg Masters, 148, Cincinnati. Just seconds into the bout a left cross dropped Masters at ring center, but he arose unhurt at two. A pair of left hooks followed by an uppercut quickly reintroduced Masters (5-3) to the canvas and this time he appeared badly stunned. Frazer (11-1) fended off Masters' desperate rushes and caught him coming in with a gorgeous straight right to the chin. Masters was unable to rise for the better part of a minute.

Southpaw Willis McManaman, 176, Toronto, made it three-for-three for the Canadians by posting a one-round KO over Cincinnati's Larry Tyson, 164, in his pro debut. McManaman caught the retreating Tyson (8-5) with a pair of left crosses, the second of which dropped Tyson for a nine-count. After bombarding his opponent with a series of body shots, McManaman landed a cuffing left hook that dropped Tyson for the full count at 1:48.

Nick Parker, 150, Erie, Pa., registered four knockdowns over Gene Holley, 148, Cleveland, before stopping the Ohioan at 56 seconds of the second round. Holley (7-6) set the early pace by scoring light, but scoring combinations while Parker (13-6) calmly picked off the punches on his gloves and elbows. Parker's first good punch, a left hook, sent Holley crashing to the canvas for an eight-count halfway through the round. Holley survived the session by digging several good right hands to the body, but it was clear the end was close at hand. Parker ended matters in the second with a trio of left hook body-head combos that registered knockdowns.

Carl Sullivan, 155, Pittsburgh, TKO'd Huntington resident Nate Moore, 155, at 1:03 of the third round. Sullivan (2-0) dominated the first stanza with stinging one-twos and the stockier Moore (1-1) took the second with his wide-arching hooks. Sullivan was dominating the third with sharp jabs and Tibbs, seeing Moore was outclassed, stopped the action.

Mark Carrier, 198, Bristol, Tenn., used a crushing overhand right to knock out debuting John McCurdy, 182, Cincinnati at 1:00 of the second round. Carrier (3-0) set the stage for the finish with two knockdowns in the last minute of the opening round.

In a match featuring two fighters making their pro debuts, Bryan Faires, 220, Pittsburgh, scored a clean KO over Victor Sallee, 214, Ashtabula, Ohio at 40 seconds of Round Two. After taking the opening round with effective rights to the ribcage, Faires' crunching overhand right put Sallee to sleep for more than a minute.

In the opening bout of the evening, lanky Erich Gliebe, 155, Parma, Ohio, swarmed over Steve Chaney, 163, Cincinnati, and TKO'd him at 1:54 of the opening round. Gliebe (1-0) decked Chaney (0-3) with a right 40 seconds into the fight and from then on Chaney was simply looking for a place to fall.

Checking out the action from ringside were No. 2 IBF cruiserweight contender **"Smoking" Bert Cooper,** who may fight in Parkersburg in the near future, and local fighter Gary "Kompac Kid" Traugh.

Promoters: Jerry Thomas & West Virginia Sports Promotions.

Referee: Billy Tibbs.

Judges: Ron Abbott, Stan Epler & Bill Oaks.

Timekeepers: Mike Beckett & Gordon Monroe.

Announcer: Steve McCoy.

Attendance: 2,400 (est.).

(1-23-88)

LEE GROVES

MEXICO

NORTH BAJA CALIFORNIA

▶**MEXICALI**—Hard-hitting featherweight Jorge "Maromero" Paez KO'd Jesus "Pascualito" in two rounds.

Another featherweight match saw convict pugilist Fili Montoya chill Marco Antonio Santos in three.

(12-5-87)

▶**TIJUANA**—Juan Jose "Dinamita" Estrada took a 10-round, technical decision over veteran Raul Valdez to capture the WBC international bantamweight title.

Bantamweight **Raul "Jibaro" Perez** demolished Eduardo "Lalo" Torres in one.

(12-7-87)

▶**TIJUANA**—Juan Ramos Soberanes won a 12-round, split decision over Juan Guardado to capture the vacant Mexican lightweight crown.

Lightweight Mauricio Aceves whipped Tony Contreras in 10.

Featherweight Andres Sandoval halted Martin Diaz in one.

(12-14-87)

▶**MEXICALI**—Jorge "Maromero" Perez TKO'd Martin Torres in three of a lightweight bout.

Fili Montoya won from "Chachalaco" Mayorga in a 10-round featherweight contest.

(12-18-87)

▶**TIJUANA**—Juan "Idi Amin" Hernandez decisioned Gerardo Valero over 12 to retain his Mexican light heavyweight title.

(12-21-87)

SOUTH BAJA CALIFORNIA

▶**LA PAZ**—Francisco "Chango" Carballo TKO'd Daniel "Rayo" Valenzuela in seven rounds to retain his Mexican middleweight championship.

(12-5-87)

AGUAS CALIENTES

▶**AGUAS CALIENTES**—Former Olympian Alejandro Garcia won by unanimous decision over Jose de Anda in a welterweight bout.

(12-4-87)

OAXACA

▶**SALINA CRUZ**—Bantamweight Jacinto Serrano knocked out Fermin Rivera in two.

Rogelio Lopez decisioned Gerardo Sanchez in another bantamweight contest.

Lightweights Jose Alfredo Perez and "Lucifer" Ibarra struggled to a draw.

(12-18-87)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Venezuelan bantamweight Santiago Caballero won by disqualification over Victor Manuel Rabanales in eight.

Flyweight Raul Acosta whipped Oscar Sanchez in 10.

Josefino Juarez and Armando "Jaiba" Salazar drew in an eight-round bantamweight match.

Francisco Bernal TKO'd Javier Vazquez in three, welterweights.

Bantamweight Raul Martinez stopped Francisco Lugo in four.

(12-5-87)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Former Mexican bantamweight champion Jorge Ramirez stopped Jorge de Jesus in eight.

(12-10-87)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Flyweight Valente Flores TKO'd Jorge Gutierrez in five.

Fernando Martinez TKO'd Diego Herrera in two, flyweights.

In another flyweight bout, Jacinto Escalante whipped Ricardo Flores in eight.

Bantamweight Daniel Pinzon outpointed Juan Manuel Chavez over eight.

Bantamweight Arturo Alanis decisioned Maximino Cuevas.

(12-12-87)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Former WBC bantamweight titleholder **Daniel Zaragoza** TKO'd Noe Gonzalez in the seventh of a featherweight match.

Rodolfo "Colorina" Ortega destroyed Carlos "Monkee" Salinas in the opening round of a bantam match.

Featherweight Concepcion Velazquez flattened Sergio Aquino in four.

In another featherweight pairing, Eduardo Cruz KO'd Juan Camacho.

Bantamweight Juan Gutierrez decisioned Mario Garcia in four.

(12-17-87)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Armando Castro TKO'd veteran Elid "Jimmy" Fernandez in five rounds to win the Mexican junior bantamweight title.

Featherweight Alejandro Morfin stopped Herminio Hernandez in the second.

Flyweight Gonzalo Gonzalez stopped Maximiliano Baeza in the third.

Lightweight Luis Vera TKO'd Enrique Garcia in the first.

(12-19-87)

QUINTANA ROO

▶**CANCUN**—Sulio Sanchez, brother of **Salvador Sanchez**, won a split decision over Marco Antonio "Chino" Lizarraga in a 10-round welterweight bout.

Herminio Delgado also triumphed via a 10-round, split decision, beating Yucatan lightweight champion Gaspar Pool.

Flyweight Eduardo "Lalo" Ramirez stopped Jorge "Estudiante" Rivera in nine.

Bantamweight Alex "Pantera" Camargo whipped Javier Figueroa in six.

Luis Enrique Caceres took a split, six-round decision over Benigno "Chino" Martin, bantamweights.

(12-5-87)

▶**CANCUN**—Flyweights Tony Hong and Francisco "Paco" Ramirez drew in 10.

Bantamweight Teo Batun defeated Manuel Hong in 10.

Flyweight Armando Cuevas outscored Victor "Pulguita" Villanueva in six.

(12-18-87)

SONORA

▶**OBREGON**—Salvador Zamora won by disqualification over Jorge "Cocas" Ramirez in the sixth round of a lightweight battle.

Bantamweight Cesar Martinez decisioned Jose Flores.

In another bantam bout, Saul Martinez KO'd "Maleficio" Flores in five.

(12-18-87)

YUCATAN

▶**MERIDA**—Mario Alberto Ku outpointed Jose "Polvorita" Perez in 12 rounds to retain the Yucatan state junior flyweight crown.

Flyweight Juan "Panterita" Gonzalez stopped Francisco "Ciclon" Catzin in three.

Flyweight Victor "Pulguita" Villanueva won a six-round, unanimous decision from Tilo Duran.

Bantamweights Luis Ruiz Lizarraga and Mario Perez drew in four.

Featherweight Moises Chi stopped David Montalvo in three.

(12-21-87)

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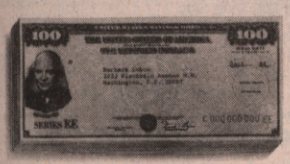

Javier "Candelita I" Varguez (left), Yucatan State Fighter of the Year for '87, on his way to an eight-round technical decision over Emilio Santos in Merida.

▶**MERIDA**—Javier "Candelita I" Varguez, Yucatan's Fighter of the Year in 1987, won a seven-round, technical decision over Emilio Santos.

Hard-hitting bantam Felipe "Huracan" Gutierrez TKO'd Arturo "Canibal" Mendoza in nine.

Promising southpaw lightweight Oscar Gallegos stopped Milo Mena in one.

Oscar's brother, Alcibiades, KO'd Luis Felipe Tzuc in two, bantamweights.

Flyweights Mateo Pacheco and Roger Jimenez drew over four.

(12-12-87)

SAN LUIS POTOSI

▶**VALLES**—Ruben Delgado whipped Juan Manuel Lopez in 10, featherweights.

Bantamweight Mizael Garcia decisioned Ezequiel Cano in 10.

(12-4-87)

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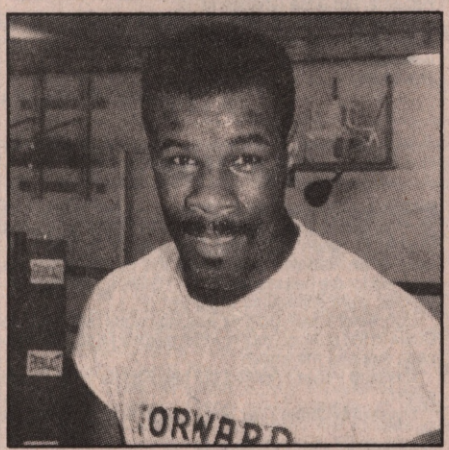

Former WBA light heavyweight champ Leslie Stewart (above) looks forward to a crack at WBC 175-pound boss Don Lalonde. The bout is scheduled for Stewart's homeland in the Spring.

▶**PORT OF SPAIN**—National Stadium—**Don Lalonde's** initial defense of his WBC light heavyweight title has finally been set for National Stadium here.

Lalonde will meet **Leslie Stewart**, formerly a WBA titleholder, May 29 according to Anand Persad, legal adviser and member of Regency Promotions.

In the past, Stewart signed for his own fight contracts, but Persad revealed he is now legally managed by Marie Cavo, ex-wife of Jim Cavo, who is managing director of Casino Promotions.

The results of Stewart's fight with Dawud Shaw appear along with coverage of the Lalonde-Eddie Davis fight in the April, '88 Ringside Reports section.

Results of the undercard follow.

David Noel, 153, junior middleweight champion of Trinidad and Tobago, knocked out Joseph Nelson, 160½, at 1:22 of the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Ashton Wilson, 144¼, Trinidad and Tobago, took a split, eight-round decision over Winston Malcolm, 138.

Trinidad's Ken Sharp, 162½, TKO'd David Charles, 164½, Trinidad, at 1:32 of the sixth and final stanza.

Randy Yonkers, 168, United States, won a six-round decision over Guyana's Ray Albert, 168¼.

In another scheduled six, Anthony Logan, 159¼, Jamaica, knocked out Trinidad's Archibald Phillip, 162½, in 43 seconds.

Promoter: Norman Samaroo.

Referee: Ismael Quinones Falou.

Judges: Jose Juan Guerra, Nicolas Ascianio & Newton Campos.

Announcer: Lindon DaCosta Inniss.

Physician: Kamal A. Rampersand.

Timekeeper: E. Young Jr.

Attendance: 3,000 (est.).

(11-27-87)

GEORGE C. BECKLES

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▶**LA RIOJA**—Mario Araya halted Robinson Rodolfo Rodriguez in six, lightweights.

(12-3-87)

▶**SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY**—Local Julio Miranda retained his Argentine junior lightweight title by outpointing veteran former champion Pedro Armando Gutierrez in 12 rounds.

(12-4-87)

▶**SALTA**—Argentine junior bantamweight champion Rubén Condori outclassed Juan Carlos Cortés in 10.

(12-4-87)

▶**BRAGADO**—Middleweight Enrique Areco knocked out welterweight Ramón Jara in five.

(12-4-87)

▶**MENDOZA**—José Mario Lopez outpointed Hugo Escudero in 10, featherweights.

(12-4-87)

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—South American lightweight champion Jesús Romero outpointed Raúl Machado in 10.

(12-5-87)

▶**BAHIA BLANCA**—Former world titleholder **Santos (Falucho) Laciar** returned to action after losing his WBC version of the junior bantamweight title to Sugar Baby Rojas. Falucho appeared to be recovered on the way to outclassing former Argentine and South American titleholder José Rufino Narvaez in an excellent performance.

(12-10-87)

▶**CONCORDIA**—Unbeaten welterweight prospect Alfredo Jaurena TKO'd José Melián in 10.

(12-11-87)

▶**ROSARIO**—Hugo Corti outpointed veteran Eduardo Contreras in 12 on the way to winning the Rosario light heavyweight title.

(12-11-87)

▶**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Young welterweight prospect Jorge Fernando Castro halted José Alvarado in three.

(12-11-87)

▶**VILLA CARLOS PAZ**—Marcelo Figueroa TKO'd Miguel Steimbach in eight, light heavyweights.
(12-11-87)
▶**SALTA**—Argentine and South American junior welterweight champion Hugo (Pajarito) Hernández outpointed middleweight Juan Carlos Ceballos in 10.
(12-11-87)
▶**USHUAIA**—South American light heavyweight champion Jorge (Violin) Salgado recovered the Argentine crown by outpointing Nestor Giovannini in 12 rounds.

It was the third bout between these fighters. In August 1986, Giovannini outpointed Salgado to win the Argentine title and four months later he tried to capture the South American crown but Salgado retained it by a draw.
(12-12-87)
▶**CORRIENTES**—Lucio (Metralleta) López retained the South American bantamweight title by halting Peruvian Alejandro Montes in six.
(12-18-87)
▶**SALTA**—South American welterweight champion Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo knocked out César Oscar Pérez in the fourth.
(12-18-87)
▶**CATAMARCA**—Adolfo Arce Rossi outpointed Jorge Martinez in 10, welterweights.
(12-18-87)
▶**VICUNA MACKENNA**—In an upset, young Ramón Gatica drew with former Argentine champion Raúl Roque Bianco in 10, lightweights.
(12-18-87)
▶**TEMPERLEY**—Argentina featherweight champion Miguel Francia outpointed Fidel Avila in 10.
(12-18-87)
▶**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—In his best performance to date, new sensation Jorge Fernando Castro outpointed Sergio Ronconi in 10 in a middleweight bout.
(12-23-87)
▶**CARUPA**—Walter Masseroni knocked out Daniel Guibaudo in the third, heavyweights.
(12-23-87)

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BRAZIL

▶**SAO PAULO**—Francisco de Jesús returned to action to retain his Brazilian junior middleweight title by outpointing Leonel Ribeiro in 10.
(10-18-87)
▶**SAO PAULO**—Joao Cardozo retained his Brazilian bantamweight title by knocking out former champion Carlos Henrique Alves in three.
(10-25-87)
▶**SAO PAULO**—José Da Silva won the vacant Brazilian middleweight crown by knocking out Mauro Cruz in five.
(11-1-87)
▶**SALVADOR**—Reginaldo Santos outpointed Argentine Enrique Coronel in 10, middleweights.
(11-8-87)
▶**SAO PAULO**—Clarismundo Silva recovered the Brazilian light heavyweight title by TKO'ing champion Rui Barbosa Bonfim in the first.

Helio Santana outpointed Argentine Mario Matthysse, in 10, welters.
(11-8-87)
▶**SALVADOR**—José Da Silva outpointed Reginaldo Santos in 10 on the way to retaining his Brazilian middleweight title.
(11-28-87)
▶**SAO PAULO**—Paulo Ribeiro drew with Francisco Wilson Goncalvez in 10 to retain his Brazilian junior bantamweight crown.
(11-29-87)
▶**RIO DE JANIERO**—Brazilian, South American and Continental American heavyweight champion **José Adilson (Maguila) Rodrigues** outpointed Uruguayan borri-Spanish citizen Alfredo Evangelista in 10.

Brazilian middleweight champion José Da Silva halted Argentine Juan Alberto Lopez in six.
(12-10-87)

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▶**BELEN**—Undefeated featherweight Daugisio Ribeiro knocked out Hugo Diaz in the second round.

Lightweight Jose Leite won a six-round decision over Ignacio Domingos.
(1-28-88)

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CHILE

▶**SANTIAGO**—Latin American bantamweight champion Cardenio Ulloa knocked out Colombian José Zalazar in two.

Benito Badilla and Argentine Juan Carlos Cortés drew in 10, bantams.
(10-31-87)
▶**SANTIAGO**—Active Cardenio Ulloa retained his Latin American bantamweight title by outpointing Panamanian José Chacón in 12.

Juvenal Lorca Ordenes avenged a previous loss by outpointing Argentine Hugo Ranierez in 10, featherweights.
(12-12-87)

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COLOMBIA

▶**LURUACO**—San Jose Cinema—In the highligh of the first professional boxing show in Luruaco, Carlos Rocha, El Reten, won over Cartagena's Gabriel Narvaez when Narvaez abandoned the fight and did not respond for the bell starting Round Seven. The bantamweights were scheduled to go eight.

Lightweight Juan Gomez was victorious over Alfonso Chala in the opening round when referee Migdonio Marcado stopped the match.

Emiliano Ferrer knocked out Leo Padilla in the fourth round.

Flyweights Jaime Diaz and Hernan Bonett drew over six.

Promoter: Antonio Zabarain.

Attendance: 150.
(1-29-88)
▶**MEDELLIN**—Colombian Ruben Dario Palacios gained the vacant Latin American super bantamweight title when he stopped Panama's Manuel Omar Mejia in the fourth round of a scheduled 12.

Wilson Palacios, Ruben Dario's younger brother, also won in the fourth, stopping Cartagena's Teobaldo Berrio. The featherweights were slated for eight.

Bogota flyweight Mauricio Bernal stopped Cartagena's Manuel Julio in the second round.

Moises Fuentes, Chimichagua, won a 10-round featherweight decision over Cartagena's Robinson Garcia, the brother of former contender Agustin "Baby" Garcia.

Bantamweight Ezequiel Hernandez stopped Jose Salazar in eight.

Flyweight Elvis Alvarez of Medellin won a 10-round decision over Victor Sierra, who fights out of Monteria, but resides in Panama City.
(2-5-88)

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GUYANA

▶**GEORGETOWN**—National Sports Hall—Michael Benjamin, lightweight champion of Guyana, used a nine-pound weight advantage to good effect as he pummeled Jamaican Muhammad Dawes into submission at 1:20 of the sixth frame of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Benjamin was two pounds over the lightweight limit of 135, while Dawes weighed just 128, five pounds below his normal fighting weight.

Benjamin's power and aggression proved too much for the game and somewhat skillful Jamaican, who succumbed eventually after a lightning combo of hooks followed by a tremendous right cross floored him so convincingly that the referee signaled the finish without even counting.

The knockout was the seventh for Benjamin in his 11-1 record.

The five-bout card promoted by Peoples Syndicate Promotions provided punch-packed entertainment from the opening bell, with Lynden "Buckman" Mortley powering his way through the high guard of Wayne Briggs to gain a clear, unanimous eight-round decision in the main support. The two, each weighing 130, had split two previous encounters, but Mortley dropped Briggs in the second and was a convincing winner.

Lalta Narine bruised his way to a close, but unanimous six-round decision over skillful, but poorly conditioned Malcolm Darson. Narine weighed 116, Darson, 113.

Joey Murray was victorious when battered veteran Mike Grant could not answer the bell for the fifth round of their scheduled six due to a badly cut left eye. Murray, who weighed 118 to Grant's 113, is 4-4, all wins by knockout.

Lancelot Cyrus, 135, and Lyndon Harris, 134, mauled each other for most of their six-round battle, with Cyrus coming out on top by unanimous decision.

Promoter: Peoples Syndicate Promotions.

Referees: Green, Duncan, Jardine, Fernandes & Adams.

Judges: Duncan, Busby, Jardine, Thorne, Green, Fernandes, Adams & Henry.

Physicians: Royston Anderson & H.C. Hugh.

Timekeeper: John Quail.
(1-31-88)

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EUROPE

DENMARK

▶**SKIVE**—Light heavyweight **Tarmo Uusivirta** won an eight-round decision over Mbuyanga Alombo.

Heavyweight Magne Havnaa decisioned **Alfonso Ratliff** over eight.

Gert Bo Jacobsen stopped Herbie Vivalacqua in the fourth of a lightweight bout.

Light heavyweight Michael Madsen decisioned Francesco Terlizzi over six.
(1-15-88)

FRANCE

▶**COUDEKERQUE**—Welterweight Roland LeClerq

knocked out Julien Segly in the first.
(1-9-88)
▶**FONTENAY SOUS BOIS**—Featherweight Mehdi Labdouni won a six-round decision over Pascal Bellet.
(1-9-88)
▶**NEMOURS**—Middleweight Naceur Zaalouni took a six-round decision over Carlos Martins.
(1-9-88)
▶**SAINT QUENTIN**—Bantamweight Antoine Montero TKO'd Luis Gonzales in two.

Alain Cuvillier scored an eight-round decision over Kid Taylor, middleweights.
(1-16-88)
▶**SAINT MARTIN D'HERES**—Welterweight Carmelo Nato won a six-round decision over Djillali Rahou.

Middleweight Franck Nicotra scored in six over Franck Jude.
(1-16-88)
▶**COMPIEGNE**—Featherweight Farid Benredjeb won a 10-round decision over Raymond Amand.
(1-22-88)
▶**NICE**—Lightweight Alfredo Silva knocked out Hassen Mebdi in the first round.

In another lightweight bout, Ben Ratyeb took a six-round decision from Philippe Binante.

Middleweight Jean Noel Camara decisioned Jean Marc Phenieux over six.
(1-22-88)
▶**GAMACHES**—On the undercard of the **Calvin Grove**/Antonio Rivera IBF featherweight title fight, Karim Rabbi stopped Lexter Bouchad in the third of a welterweight match.

Welterweight Eric Bindaine scored a six-round decision over Jean Pierre Desavoye.
(1-23-88)
▶**LYON**—Welterweight Madjib Madjoub decisioned Roland LeClercq over six.

Dennis Truchet decisioned Maurice Gomis in a heavyweight six.
(1-30-88)
▶**CALAIS**—Fabrice Benichou knocked out **Thierry Jacob** in the ninth round of a match for the European bantamweight championship.

Featherweight Herve Jacob decisioned Francisco Garcia over eight.

Lionel Espinoza decisioned Lionel Jean in a six-round bantam bout.

Lightweight Joe Gamache stopped Marc Amand in the fifth when Amand's corner threw in the towel.
(1-30-88)
▶**PARIS**—IBF bantamweight titleholder **Kelvin Seabrooks**, winner of *The Ring's* Most Progress award in 1987, successfully defended his title with a second-round knockout of Mexican Fernando Beltran.

Beltran, who fell to a reported 50-6, was down in the opening round and three more times in the final frame as Seabrooks made his third successful defense.

Seabrooks first put Beltran down with a left-right combo, and the Mexican kept his distance to remain upright until the bell. But in the second, Seabrooks dropped him with a right, dropped him again with another right and put him down a third time with a left uppercut. Beltran beat the count, but the referee stepped in.

On the undercard, American welterweight David Taylor stopped Mexican Genaro Leon in just one minute. Taylor, who had lost on cuts in two rounds to **Terry Marsh** last year, dropped Leon two times.
(2-6-88)

GERMANY

▶**LUBECK**—Schwarz-Bunte Arena—Three German champions on the first fight card here in eight years failed to raise interest and less than 700 were in the venue.

Lightweight champion **Rene Weller**, at 34 keeping in trim for a return with **Gert Bo Jacobsen**, who took his European crown in 1986 for Weller's only defeat in 49 starts, knocked out fellow German Georg Vlachos with a hook to the liver followed by a right to the head in the opening round.

Undefeated middleweight Bozon Haule of Tanzania decisioned a brave Italian by the name of Charles Ssali over six rounds, providing the best bout of the evening.

German heavyweight Andreas Schweiger knocked out fellow countryman Herbert Wegner in Round Two with a right hook.

German light middleweight champion, 31-year-old Erwin Heiber, knocked out Yugoslav Sinsia Popovic in the firth, the latter earlier having received two warnings for holding from referee Norbert Krosch.

Light heavyweight Mike Wissenbach decisioned fellow German Josef Kossman, a veteran of over 50 bouts.

German welterweight champion Jose Varela knocked out American Ray Menefee in Round Two. The visitor was bothered by Varela's southpaw stance and blows to the body closed the session.

Promoter/Matchmaker: Hans Jurgen Pedersen.
Referees: Sigi Hahn & Norbert Krosch.
Attendance: 680.
(1-16-88)
▶**HAMBURG**—Wandsbeker Sporthall—A week after the above card promoter/matchmaker Hans Jurgen Pedersen had moved to his old hunting ground of Hamburg and was able to break even with a crowd of 1,500.

Middleweight Salvador Yanez returned from an injury layoff to outscore 24-year-old Belgian Robert Taton over six rounds. German referee Werner Kasimir gave Yanez an eight count in frame two, but he fought back strongly to stretch his record to 9-0.

German light heavyweight Andreas Schweiger decisioned Mladen Grubesitz of Yugoslavia over four rounds. Grubesitz was dangerous with his right up until the closing bell.

German welterweight champion Jose Varela collected another win, bringing his score to 31-1 with a first-round knockout of American Mike Peoples. A left hook to the head decked the visitor and although he made his feet at eight, the third man continued counting, which brought a protest from the crowd.

German cruiserweight champion Ralf Rocchigiani defended successfully, beating 36-year-old Alex Zeh, a guy he shared points with last year. In a helluva fight, Zeh was finally caught by a short right hook to the head in Round Nine, and he was counted out still on his feet by German third man Kurt Stroer.

In a lightweight crowd pleaser, southpaw Peter Konyegwachie, the Los Angeles silver medalist unbeaten in eight starts, outscored Rafael Gandarilla, Mexico, over eight rounds. It was quite a good win for Konyegwachie, considering Gandarilla has exchanged punches with half a dozen world titleholders.

German light middleweight champion Erwin Heiber stopped Holland's Kid Taylor in three. Taylor, who held Heiber to a draw in 1986, took a count of eight from a right hook to the head in Round One and was counted out on his feet in Round Three. A clash of heads in this frame left the German with a cut eyebrow.

Referees: Werner Kasimir, Kurt Stroer & Georg Grabbarz.
(1-23-88)
▶**NOTES:** Riedel (Richard) Vogt turned 75 January 26, but unfortunately does not enjoy very good health these days. Vogt met **Max Schmeling** in Berlin in 1948, outscoring the ex-world champion over 10 rounds. It was Max's last bout, but Vogt boxed on until he was 39, fighting his last bout in 1952. He became the German light heavyweight champion, reigning from 1941 to 1944, again from 1946 to 1949 and once again in 1950 with a total of 13 title fights. He also fought for the European crown, being outpointed by Italian Luigi Musina in 1942. As an amateur, Vogt had 200 fights and won a silver medal at the Berlin Olympics in 1936.

JACK TREE

ITALY

▶**GENOVA**—Local **Gianfranco Rosi** retained his WBA junior middleweight title by knocking out Detroit's **Duane Thomas** in the seventh round of a scheduled 12-rounder.

Rosi weighed 154¼, while Thomas scaled 155, putting both over the WBA's 154-pound limit for junior middleweights. However, WBA supervision allowed the fight to go on as a title match.

Known as a light puncher, the 30-year-old Rosi surprised even the home folks when he knocked Thomas unconscious against the ropes and continued to pound the American until he dropped to the canvas.

Until the knockout, Rosi had been having the best of the action, using his speed to keep Thomas at bay.

On the undercard, former world welterweight champion **Donald Curry**, 155, survived a few anxious moments in the early going to easily win a 12-round decision over **Lupe Aquino**.

Curry won easily over the plodding Aquino, but never managed to put him down. Curry never hit the deck, either, but appeared to be rocked a bit in the third and 11th sessions.

Former middleweight contender **William "Caveman" Lee** was not as fortunate, being stopped in the third round by Yawe Davis.

Lightweight Ben Sayell posted an eight-round decision over Antonio Renzo.

Lightweight Luca De Lorenzi stopped Mark Brennan in two.

Middleweight Francesco Dell'Aquila won in the second round when Denys Cronin was cut and unable to continue.

Middleweight Edip Secevic decisioned Musungu Lomami over eight.
(1-4-88)
▶**TERAMO**—Welterweight Luigi Perazzi decisioned Habib Hammami over six.
(1-22-88)
▶**GENOVA**—Francesco Dell'Aquila scored a second-round TKO when Sam Houston was cut and unable to continue their middleweight match.

Welterweight Paolo Pesci decisioned Tonino Inino Wa Bolamba over six.

Welterweight Renato Biagio took a six-round decision over Za Dindia Mbeke.

Middleweight Paolo Agostinelli was victorious in the third over Musungo Ngeleka, who was cut and unable to continue.
(1-27-88)
▶**RIMINI**—Rene Jacquot, 151¾, topped Luigi Minchillo on cuts in the fourth round of a bout for the European junior middleweight championship.

Loris Stecca, 127, won an eight-round decision over Jose Gallego, 126¼.

Maurizio Ronzoni, 143, stopped Bruno Simili, 142¼, in two.

Stefano Cassi, 132¼, won a six-round decision over Faical Naifer, 136¼.

Gianni Di Napoli, 128¾, stopped Guy Bellehigue, 129, in two.

Roberto Lauretta, 135¼, decisioned Andres Blanco, 135½, over six.
(1-29-88)
▶**NOTES:** After **Francesco Damiani's** fourth-round stoppage of Dorcey Gaymon in Atlantic City, Bill Cayton, co-manager of **Mike Tyson**, told Italian reporters he intended to study an offer for a Tyson/Damiani fight in Milan's San Siro Stadium. But that is not true, according to manager Umberto Branchini, who reports Cayton never talked with anyone about Tyson fighting in Milan. Branchini reported, "Damiani doesn't need Tyson. He is not part of the group of hungry heavyweights looking

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UNITED KINGDOM

▶**DONCASTER**—Adwick-le-Street Leisure Centre—Former British, European and Commonwealth champion **Herol Graham**, 160, Sheffield, stopped American Ricky Stackhouse, 161, referee Ron Hackett intervening at 0:31 of Round Eight of a scheduled 10 with Stackhouse under pressure. He was cut by the left eye in Round Four and floored at the end of Round Five. He had not won a round. An impressive performance by Graham on his way to a world title fight as soon as possible.

Sam Storey, 162, Belfast, narrowly outpointed Paul Mitchell, 160½, Leeds, referee Hackett scoring it 59-58½ after six. Mitchell had an eye injury in Round Four.

Roy Webb, 123, Belfast, stopped Jamie McBride, 120, Glasgow, referee Keith Garner calling a halt at 0:36 of Round Four of a scheduled six after McBride had been down twice.

Darryl Ritchie, 175, Rhyl, beat Dave Owens, 172½, Castleford, who was disqualified at 1:58 of Round Seven for allegedly repeatedly pulling Ritchie's head down as he came in low.

Glyn Rhodes, 142½, Sheffield, outpointed Sugar Gibiliru, 142, Liverpool, referee Garner scoring it 79-78 after eight.

David Hindmarsh, 147, Newcastle, stopped Steve Hogg, 145, Liverpool, trial referee Nick Kennedy intervening at 1:52 of Round Three in a scheduled six twos with Hogg under pressure.
(12-5-87)

▶**ILKESTON**—Regency Suite—Seamus Casey, 158, Alfreton, outpointed Ian Murray, 156, Birmingham, referee John Keane awarding the verdict to Casey after six twos.

Debutant Darren McKenna, 175, Alfreton, stopped Tony Behan, 175, Birmingham, referee Keane intervening in Round One of a scheduled six twos after Behan had been down.

Jimmy Vincent, Birmingham, stopped Darrell Pettit, Chesterfield, referee Keane calling a halt in the sixth and final (two-min) round with Pettit under pressure. This was a featherweight bout.

Andrew Pybus, 140, Birmingham, stopped Barry Bacon, 138, Alfreton, referee Keane intervening in Round Three of a scheduled six twos after Bacon had been down.
(11-19-87)

▶**LONDON**—Bow Theatre—Returning after eight months inactivity due to a knee operation, Tim Drisoll, 126½, Bermondsey, outpointed Kid Sumaila, Ghana, 126, referee Sid Nathan scoring it 79½-77 after eight.

Jim Moffat, 136, Irvine, stopped Gary Chamberlain, 138, Norwich, referee Tony Walker intervening at 1:05 of Round Six in a scheduled eight twos when Champion was cut by both eyes and under pressure.

Branko Pavlovic, 180, Bedford, stopped Winston Burnett, 176, Cardiff, referee Nathan intervening at 1:40 of Round One in a scheduled eight twos with Burnett under pressure. Burnett claimed he was hit low three times.

Lee West, 136, Brixton, drew with John Mullen, 140, Irvine, over six twos, referee Nathan.

David Afan Jones, 117, Wales, stopped Roy Deeble, 120, Bow, referee Walker calling a halt at 1:00 of Round Two in a scheduled six twos after Deeble had been down twice.

Steve Aquilina, 164, Wolverhampton, stopped Tony Lawrence, 173, Kings Lynn, referee Walker intervening at 1:05 of Round One in a scheduled six twos after Lawrence had been down twice.
(12-1-87)

▶**LONDON**—National Sporting Club—Johnny Graham, 175, Paddington, overcame the handicap of an eye injury to outpoint Dennis Banton, 175, referee Mike Jacobs scoring it 78½-77½ after eight twos.

Peter Bradley, 128, Glasgow, outpointed Graham Clarke, 126½, Cardiff, referee Tony Walker awarding Bradley the verdict after eight twos.

Terry Smith, 126, Thamesmead, outpointed Richard Dimmock, 131, Woking, over six twos.

Rudolph Valentino, 136, Hanwell, gained referee Walker's verdict over Mark Pearce, 138, Cardiff, after six twos.

Tony Foster, 133, Hull, stopped Alan Roberts, 129½, Neath, referee Walker calling a halt in Round Five of a scheduled six twos.
(12-2-87)

▶**BELFAST**—Ulster Hall—British flyweight champion **Dave McAuley,** 113, outpointed Panamanian Roy Thompson, 112½, referee Barney Wilson scoring every one of the 10 rounds for McAuley, one by a full point.

Paul Hodkinson, 126¾, stopped Panamanian Marcus Smith, 126, referee Wilson intervening at 1:47 of Round Seven in a scheduled eight with Smith under pressure. Smith was cut by the right eye.

Andy Furlong, 135½, Hammersmith, beat Eamonn McAuley, 135¼, who retired at the end of Round Three in a scheduled six with an ankle injury.

Debutant Eamonn Loughran, 142½, Ballymena, beat Adam Muir, 143, Glasgow, who was disqualified for "holding" at 1:33 of Round Four in a scheduled six twos.

Andy Holligan, 144½, beat Jimmy Thornton, 147, Sheffield, who retired at the end of Round Two in a scheduled six with an injured right knee. Holligan was down briefly early on, but came right back.
(12-7-87)

▶**GLASGOW**—Whitbread Sporting Club—Returning after an eight-month layoff, Drew Black, 140, narrowly outpointed Peter Crook, 142, Chorley, referee Len Mullen scoring it 78½-78 after eight.

Wull Strike, 120, Irvine, didn't lose a round in outpointing Joe Duffy, Glasgow, referee Billy Rafferty scoring it 60-58 after six twos.

Doug Munro, 132, Glasgow, also didn't lose a round in outpointing Craig Windsor, 131½, referee Mullen casting it 60-58½ after six twos.

Joe Mullen, 118½, Irvine, stopped Tony Smith, 118, Burnley, referee Rafferty calling a halt at 1:03 of Round Six with Smith under pressure.
(12-7-87)

▶**LEEDS**—Irish Centre—Nigerian-born Tony Ekubia, 144½, Manchester, won the vacant Central Area welterweight title by stopping Richard Wagstaff, 147, Morley, referee Mickey Vann intervening at 2:43 of Round Two in a scheduled 10 after Wagstaff had been down twice.

Ekubia only knew about the fight 24 hours earlier when original opponent Peter Ashcroft did not pass the medical examination.

Crawford Ashley, 177, Leeds, stopped former All-Ireland light heavyweight champion Jonjo Greene, 178, referee Phil Cowsill intervening at 0:26 of Round Seven in a scheduled eight after Greene had been down. Greene afterwards announced his retirement from the ring.

Darren Hobson, 162, Leeds, made it eight in a row by outpointing Sean Heron, 164, Edinburgh, referee Vann scoring it 79-78 after eight.

Gary Chadwick, 136, Leeds, outpointed Dave Croft, 136, Doncaster, referee Cowsill casting it 39½-39 after four. Croft was down briefly in Round One.

Gypsy John Fury, 230, made it three in a row by outpointing Mick Cordon, 222, Doncaster, not losing a round on referee Cowsill's card of 60-58 after six twos.
(12-3-87)

▶**BIRMINGHAM**—Arden Sporting Club—Sean Casey, 123, Derry, narrowly outpointed Roy Williams, 124, Merthyr, referee John Coyle scoring it 78½-78 after eight twos.

Derek Amory, 126, Birmingham, didn't lose a round in outpointing Graham O'Malley, 126, Middlesborough, referee Coyle casting it 80-76½ after eight twos.

Russel Barker, Nottingham, outpointed Lee Woolis, 174, Alfreton, not losing a round on referee Arnott's card of 60-58 after six.

Sean Stringfellow, 174, Nottingham, kayoed Tony Capello, 174, at 1:20 of Round Three with a left hook to the head. Referee Arnott. It was Capello's debut.
(12-2-87)

▶**STOKE**—North Staffs Sporting Club—Tony Swift, 141, Solihull, kept his unbeaten record by defeating Dean Bramhald, 142, Doncaster, for the fourth time in 1987. Referee John Keane scored it 79-78 after eight.

Dave Robb, 140½, Telford, won every round in outpointing Peter Bowen, 141, Wednesfield, referee Terry O'Connor scoring it 60-57 after six twos.

Steve Phillips, 142, Doncaster, outpointed Andrew Pybus, 142, Birmingham, referee Keane casting it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.

Debutant Darren Jones, 176, Doncaster, stopped Darren McKenna, 176, Alfreton, ref O'Connor intervening at 1:57 of Round Three in a scheduled six twos after McKenna had been floored.

Steve Taggart, 140, Birmingham, won every round in outpointing Cecil Branch, 143, Wolverhampton, referee O'Connor scoring it 60-67 after six twos. Branch was down in Round Three from a right to the head.
(12-2-87)

▶**WOLVERHAMPTON**—Park Hall—Peter Till, 142, Bloxwich, won every round in outpointing Dean

Bramhald, 142, Doncaster, referee John Coyle scoring it 80-76 after eight.

Ronnie Stephenson, 121, Doncaster, stopped Chris Cooper, 125, Torquay, referee Bryan Arnott intervening in Round Four of a scheduled six. Cooper was making his debut.

Jimmy Vincent, 126, Birmingham, made it four in a row by outpointing Roy Williams, 124, referee Arnott awarding him the verdict after six twos.

Andy Morgan, 140, outpointed Dave Robb, Telford, 139, referee Coyle scoring it a narrow 58½-58 after six twos. Robb was down in Round Two.

Steve Phillips, 140, Doncaster, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Robbie Bowen, 140, Wednesbury, referee Arnott awarding him the verdict after six twos.

(11-24-87)

▶**NOTTINGHAM**—Albany Hotel—Gary Maxwell, 129, Sheffield, outpointed Eddie Lloyd, Rhyl, 131, not losing a round on referee Terry O'Connor's card of 80-77 after eight twos.

James Jiora, 135, Otley, outpointed John Townsley, 133½, Glasgow, referee O'Connor awarding him the decision after eight twos.

Debutant Phil Dicks, 112, Dyfed, stopped Johnny Hayles, 114½, Nottingham, referee O'Connor intervening in Round Two of a scheduled six twos after Hayles had been down twice.

Barry Messam, 148, Nottingham, outpointed Tony Britland, 150, Swansea, scoreline 59½-58½ after six twos.

(11-30-87)

▶**SOUTHEND**—Cliffs Pavilion—Gary Mason, 242, made it 24 in a row by stopping American Sam Scaff, 252, referee Sid Nathan calling a halt at 0:20 of Round Two in a scheduled eight after Scaff had been down three times. Scaff was out of his class and proved no test for Mason.

Del Bryan, 147, Nottingham, outpointed Mickey Hughes, 148, Camden Town, over eight.

Mark Reefer, 131¾, Bethnal Green, stopped George Jones, 128½, Telford, referee Tony Walker intervening in Round Three of a scheduled eight after Jones had been down twice.

Glazz Campbell, 179¼, Southend, outpointed Mike Aubrey, 177¼, referee Walker awarding him the verdict after eight.

Theo Marius, 155¼, stopped Gerry Beard, 156, Nottingham, referee Walker calling a halt in Round Five of a scheduled six.

(12-3-87)

▶**BEDFORD**—Tim Driscoll, 126½, Bermondsey, stopped Shane Silvester, 128, West Bromwich, referee Mike Jacobs intervening in Round Two of a scheduled eight after Silvester had been down twice.

Ron Shinkwin, 141½, Borehamwood, outpointed sub Dean Bramhald, 141, Doncaster, referee Nick White scoring it 79-78 after eight twos.

Mark Goult, 125, Norwich, outpointed Stewart Fishermac, 127, Luton, referee White casting it a narrow 59-58½ after six.

Mike Howell, Nottingham, 141, kayoed Lee West, 141, Brixton, at 1:59 of Round Two in a scheduled six twos with a right hand. Referee White.

Branko Pavlovic, 180, Bedford, stopped Steve Osbourne, 182, Nottingham, referee Jacobs calling a halt at 0:59 of Round Three in a scheduled six twos after Osbourne had been floored twice.

Steve Acquilina, 157, Wolverhampton, stopped Billy Ahearne, 166, Manchester, referee Jacobs intervening at 1:23 of Round Three in a scheduled six twos with Ahearne under pressure.

(12-14-87)

▶**LONDON**—National Sporting Club—Andy Wright, 163, Tooting, kayoed Paul McCarthy, 163½, Southampton, at the end of Round Three, the bell ringing as referee Paddy Sower started his count. A left hook did the trick, and it was minutes before McCarthy was able to leave the ring. He had been down twice previously.

Eric Cardouza, 185, Daventry, kayoed Gary Railton, 186½, Newcastle, referee Roy Francis counting him out at 1:20 of Round Two in a scheduled six.

Lee Amass, 135, Gravesend, stopped debutant Nigel Bradley, 138, Sheffield, referee Francis intervening at 0:43 of Round Four in a scheduled six twos.

Newton Barnett, 155, Camberwell, outpointed Gerald Richards, 159, Sheffield, referee Sower scoring it 59-58 after six twos.

▶**EVESHAM**—Dave George, 119, Swansea, drew with Billy Barton, 122, Blaenarw, over eight twos. Referee Paul Thomas.

Debutant Jeff Pugh, 140, Torquay, outpointed Cecil Branch, 142, Wolverhampton, referee Larry Thompson awarding him the verdict after six twos.

Tony Feliciello, 134, Rhyl, stopped Whipper Dean, 136, Norwich, referee Thompson calling a halt in Round One of a scheduled six twos.

Kevin Thompson, 149, Dudley, won every round in outpointing Will Halliday, 149, Leicester, scoreline 60-56½ after six twos.

Carlton Jackson, 173, Southhampton, outpointed Calvin Hart, 168, Lowestoft, referee Thompson awarding him the verdict after four twos.

(12-9-87)

▶**STOKE**—European Sporting Club—Ronnie Green, 134, Manchester, stopped Andrew Pybus, 140, Birmingham, referee John Coyle intervening at 1:26 of Round One in a scheduled eight twos with Pybus under pressure.

Debutant Brian Cullen, 140, Dublin, kayoed Andy (Anthony) Smith, 140, Crewe, at 1:57 of Round One in a scheduled six twos. Referee Coyle. Smith had been down previously.

Peter Elliott, 164, Burton, outpointed Dave Thomas, 164, Hull, referee Coyle adjudging that Elliott had won every one of the six (two-min) rounds.

Henry Armstrong, 132, Manchester, didn't lose a round in outpointing Sean Hogg, 131, St. Helens, referee Coyle scoring it 60-57½ after six twos. Both were debutants.

(12-9-87)

▶**PLYMOUTH**—New Continental Hotel—Neil Haddock, 137, Llanelli, outpointed Mike Russell, 131, Plymouth, referee Denzil Lewis (who controlled every bout) scoring it 79½-78½ after eight twos.

Mike Sullivan, 152, Plymouth, outpointed Nigel Dobson, 149, Newbury, scoreline a narrow 59½-59 after six twos.

Tony Cloak, 157, Bideford, stopped Terry Vosper, 153, Plymouth, referee Lewis intervening at 0:25 of Round Two in a scheduled four after Vosper had been down four times.

Joseph McKenzie, 163, Cardiff, stopped Neil Simpson, 160, Plymouth, referee Lewis calling a halt at 0:41 of Round One in a scheduled four after Simpson had been floored twice.

(12-8-87)

▶**LONDON**—Greenwich Borough Hall—Chubby Martin, 133¼, Islington, drew with B.F. Williams, 134½, over eight twos. Referee Larry O'Connell.

Daniel T. Moul, 243½, Billericay, beat Yugoslav Novak Radonovic, 201¾, who retired at the end of Round Four of a scheduled six with an injured right ear.

Sub Paul McCarthy, 163, Southampton, kayoed previously unbeaten Rocky Bookrise, 168½, Bow, at 1:38 of Round One in a scheduled six twos. Bookrise, who had previously been down and was cut by the right eye, had been inactive for nearly 18 months. Referee O'Connell.

Ian John-Lewis, 147½, Gillingham, outpointed Johnny Nanton, 149, Walworth, referee Reg Thompson, scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos. A good scrap, and nobbins were thrown into the ring.

Jeff Dobson, 126½, Eltham, outpointed G.G. Corbett, 129½, Blackfriars, referee Thompson casting it 59½-58 after six twos.

John Knight, 124, Bridgwater, outpointed Kid Sumaila, 128, Ghana, referee Thompson's card showing 59-58½ after six twos.

Tony Baker, 148, New Cross, stopped Jim McDonough, 148, Hastings, referee Thompson intervening in Round Three of a scheduled six twos when McDonough sustained an eye injury.

(12-9-87)

▶**EDGBASTON**—Tower Ballroom—John Hyland, 120½, outpointed Gary Peynado, Edgbaston, referee Paul Thomas scoring it 79-78 after eight.

Unbeaten Hugh Forde, 129½, Birmingham, outpointed French-African Patrick Kamy, 129, referee Thomas casting it 79-78 after eight.

Johnny Nelson, 184, Sheffield, stopped John McBean, 183, Birmingham, referee Thomas intervening at 0:45 of the sixth and final round after McBean had been down twice.

Adam Fogarty, 217, Halifax, narrowly outpointed John Burns, 217, Rugeley, referee Larry Thompson scoring it 59-58½ after six twos.

Gordon Shaw, 119, Glasgow, outpointed Frank Lacken, 120, Liverpool, scoreline a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.

Craig Windsor, 129, Blantyre, outpointed Derek Amory, 127¼, Birmingham, over six twos.

(12-14-87)

▶**BRADFORD**—Yorshire Executive Sporting Club—Sean Leighton, 160, outpointed Steve Foster, 160, Manchester, scoreline 79-78 after eight twos.

Dave Kettlewell, 144, Leeds, outpointed Pat Durkin, 147, Southport, referee Harry Warner (who controlled all bouts) scoring it 39½-39 after four.

Nigel Crook, 120, Chorley, outpointed Ronnie Stephenson, 120, Doncaster, not losing a round with a scoreline of 60-58 after six twos.

Peter Brown, 166, Bradford, won every round in outpointing debutant Steve Coffey, 162, Sheffield, scoreline 60-57 after six.

(12-14-87)

▶**BRADFORD**—Manningham Sports Centre—Del Bryan, 144½, Birmingham, put the cat among the pigeons when he outpointed British light welterweight champion Lloyd Christie, 145¾, over eight, referee Brian Hogg scoring it 79-77½.

This was a non-title fight as Bryan is only 20 years old and cannot box for a British championship until he is 21. However, as his mentor Wally Swift, the former welter champion, said afterwards: "He may not be old enough, but he's good enough."

Bryan does hold the Midlands area welterweight title and is obviously assured of a good future.

Kevin Spratt, 134¾, Yeadon, confirmed a previous win by beating Marvin P. Gray, 136, Stanley, referee Ron Hackett intervening at 1:10 of Round Six in a scheduled eight with Gray cut by the left eye and under pressure.

James Jiora, 138, Otley, didn't lose a round in outpointing Paul Burke, 137½, Preston, referee Hackett scoring it 40-37½ after four.

James Conley, 149, Bradford, also didn't lose a round in outpointing Eddie Collins, 153, Peterborough, referee Keith Garner casting it 40-38 after four.

Maurice Thomas Jr. 173½, drew with Lee Woolis, 177, over six.

Steve Phillips, 140, Denaby, outpointed Dave Croft, 139, Doncaster, over six. Referee Garner.

(12-15-87)

▶**CARDIFF**—Welsh Sports Centre—Tony Wilson, Wolverhampton, 173½, won the British light heavyweight title by beating Blaine Logsdon, 173½, Warrington, referee Adrian Morgan intervening at the end of Round Six in a scheduled 12 when Logsdon had two cuts by the left eye.

Wilson was presented with the Lonsdale Belt by Jack Peterson, who had won this title 55 years ago and who is now the president of the British Boxing Board of Control.

Peter Harris, 127½, Swansea, stopped substitute Roy Williams, 122, Merthyr, referee Morgan calling a halt with 20 seconds remaining in Round Two of a scheduled six with Williams under pressure.

Kid Milo, 157, Birmingham, stopped Steve Davies, 153, Pembroke, referee Bassett intervening in Round Two after Davies had been down five times. It was a scheduled eight.

David Afan-Jones, 115½, Port Talbot, stopped Phil Dicks, 113½, Ammanford, referee Mike Keatherwick intervening in Round Five of a scheduled six after Dicks had been decked by a right to the body.

Abner Blackstock, 189¼, outpointed Alek Penarski, 194, Chesterfield, referee Bassett casting it 79½-78½ after eight twos.

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Tony Collins, 157, Yateley, just 17 years old, stopped Geoff Calder, 158, Kidderminster, referee Heatherwick calling a halt in Round Two of a scheduled four twos after Calder had been down.
(12-15-87)

▶**MANCHESTER**—The Ritz—John Green, 116¼, won the Central Area bantam title by outpointing the holder, Gerry McBride, 118, Manchester, referee Brian Hogg scoring it 99-96½ after 10.

Russ Davidson, 126½, outpointed Mike Whalley, 127½, Manchester, referee Hogg casting it 79½-77 after eight.

Ted Kershaw, 151, Manchester, narrowly outpointed Mark Howells, 151, Nottingham, referee Hogg's card showing 59-58½ after six. Kershaw was down in Round Four, and some thought Howells deserved at least a share.

Kohn Reid, 142, Manchester, outpointed Frank Harrington, 145, Lancaster, scoreline 59½-58½ after six twos.

Emsley Biggham, 148½, kayoed Tony Britland, 149, in 22 seconds of Round One.

Kelvin Mortimer, 148, Rhondda, stopped Bobby McKenley, 149, Manchester, referee Cowsill intervening at 0:25 of Round Two in a scheduled eight twos with McKenley under pressure.
(12-16-87)

RON OLVER

ORIENT

JAPAN

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—Elongated Nobuyuki Tabata, Japanese junior middleweight champion, 154, proved too strong for stocky challenger Hideo Kawamoto, also 154, flattening him at 2:40 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

It was the 6'1" Tabata's third defense of his national throne since he took the vacant title via a first-round kayo of Kenji Kubo a year ago. The champ connected with a triple right to the lantern jaw of the fifth-ranked contender. Tabata, 24, raised his credentials to 22-6-1 with 20 kayoes. Kawamoto, 24, fell to 7-7 with six knockouts. They had met with the title at stake last May with Nobuyuki stopping him in six tough rounds. The rematch resulted in the tall titlist's easier stoppage.

Nobori Ogihara, the Japanese Commission's fourth-ranked junior featherweight, 120½, was expected to score a fine victory, but was held to a technical draw by Korean Hee-Sok Kim, 119¼, at 2:45 of the fourth round in a semifinal 10. Ogihara, ex-winner of All Japan Novice King tourney, is 10-1-2 with four kayoes. Kim is 19-3-4 with nine KOs.

Kazuhiro Shiomamoto, a lanky southpaw prospect, 111¾, ran his unbeaten log to 3-0 by outscoring Go Hoshida, also 111¾, in six. The winner was formerly Japanese high school champ.

Promoter: Koeikogyo Odawara Promotions.
(1-14-88)

▶**OSAKA**—Osakas Prefectural Gymnasium—Puerto Rican Wilfredo Vasquez, 117¾, barely kept his WBA world bantamweight crown via a split draw with ex-titlist Takuya Muguruma, 118, in 12 hard-fought rounds. (Full report in May '88 issue).

Akio Kawamata, the JBC's top flyweight contender, 112, stopped Yosuke Matsuoka, the #3 junior bantie, 110¾, at 2:00 of the fourth session in a semifinal 10. Akio's left hook was a haymaker. He improved to 14-1 with five kayoes. His sole loss was given by Kiyoshi Hatanaka, the current WBA's top junior bantam contender, in the local Novice King tourney more than a year ago.

The loser fell to 14-4-1 with five knockouts.

Promoter: Osaka Teiken Promotions.
(1-17-88)

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—It was regarded as the best card of Japan's Carnival of Champions where all national champs must defend their titles against top contenders in January and February.

As the bantamweight boss Chiaki Kobayashi relinquished his throne late last year, an eliminator took place between hard-punching prospects. Tadashi Shimabukuro, 118, scored a beautiful knockout over Naoto Takahashi, a prefight favorite, also 118, at 1:54 of the sixth session in a scheduled 10. Tadashi connected with eight accurate punches to the face of the loser, who collapsed prone for minutes. Shimabukuro, a nephew of ex-WBA junior lightweight kingpin Yasutsune Uehara, is 16-2-1 with 11 knockouts. The upset loser, four years his junior, is 12-2 with eight kayoes.

In a companion title go, Mark (Brooks) Horikoshi, 121¼, the WBA's ninth-ranked contender, showed his strength in disposing of Takeo Takahashi, 122, with a barrage of punches at 3:09 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Mark scored his fourth defense with as many kayo wins.

The American, working at Misawa Base Camp, bettered his log to 14-1 with 11 kayoes. Takahashi, a year his junior at 25, is 8-6 with five knockouts.

Promoter: Co-promoted by Abe and Hachinohe Teiken Promotions.
(1-24-88)

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—Unbeaten Akinobu Hiranaka, 140, kept his Japanese junior welterweight crown by demolishing awkward puncher Eiji Kikuzaki, 139¼, at 1:27 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

It was a short but furious affair. Hiranaka, the WBA's sixth-ranked contender, swarmed over the slower opponent from the outset, but he took a vicious right from the challenger midway in Round Two. With rubber legs, the champ fought back and landed solid shots, and it was over. The winner is 13-0 including 12 knockouts. Despite his good log Akinobu must improve his defensive skills. Kikuzaki, two years younger than the champ's 22, is 15-3-1 with 13 kayoes.

A semifinal saw Naoki Ito, the JBC's #5 junior welterweight contender, 142½, halt Filipino Nilo Acido, 141½, at 2:00 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Ito floored his durable rival in the closing seconds of the fifth session, and his follow-up made the loser's cornerman toss in the towel. The 6' 1½" Ito is 9-3 with four kayoes. Acido impaired to 45-11-5 with just seven KOs.

Koheita Tanaka, 118, displayed his favorite whirlwind style and won a unanimous decision from Soichi Shimamura, also 118, in 10. Tanaka, after an eight-month layoff, is 10-6-2 with five KOs.
(1-26-88)

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—Japanese lightweight champ Iwao Otomo, 135, was awarded a controversial, hairline and unanimous decision over veteran Yoshimitsu Azato, also 135, in 10.

Scoring: referee Uchida 97-96, judges Morita and Shimakawa 98 -96 and 98-97, respectively, all for the aggressive champ.

Azato kept moving and countering the rough infighter, and it appeared he had won a decision. The officials, however, evaluated the champ's positiveness. It was the fifth defense for Otomo, but the champ experienced his toughest time. Otomo, 24, is 16-1-1 with 12 kayoes. Azato, 27, formerly rated highly by the WBA, fell to 21-7-1 with 14 KOs.

Lefty Koji Nishikawa, ex-national flyweight champ, 113¾, put on persistent body attacks and won a nearly shutout decision over Filipino newcomer Leopard Ari, also 113¾, in 10.

Promoter: Okawa Promotions.
(1-28-88)

▶**OSAKA**—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—Unbeaten featherweight prospect Seiji Asakawa, 127½, extended his unbeaten log to 10-0 with seven kayoes as he impressively flattened switch-hitter Kazuo Osamu, 127, with a single right shot at 1:56 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

The veteran Osamu fell to 19-8-2 with 11 knockouts.

Promoter: Kazama Promotions.
(1-29-88)

▶**OSAKA**—Osaka Castle International Culture & Sports Hall—Hiroki Ioka, 105, kept his WBC world strawweight title by stopping Korean challenger Kyung-Yun Lee, the top contender at 105, at 1:36 of the 12th and final round. (See Ringside Reports).

It was a card featuring a dual world title go.

Sot Chitalada, the WBC's flyweight kingpin, 111¾, halted Hideaki Kamishiro, 111½, at the end of the seventh round in a scheduled 12. Kamishiro was bleeding too profusely from cuts over the eyes to fight on. His corner made the Japanese challenger retire after Chitalada had him at bay in Round Six.

Korean Ha-Shik Lim, 111¼, overwhelmed lefty Hideto Osanai, 112, and scored a TKO win at 0:38 of the eighth round in a supporting 10. Lim, employed as a sparring partner for the world champ Ioka, appeared under the name of Kenji Hayashi. He is currently ranked 10th by the WBC and improved his credentials to 19-5-3 with seven kayoes. Osanai, who had his previous cam-

paign in the Philippines, impaired to 7-9 with six kayoes.
Promoter: Green Tsuda Promotions.
(1-31-88)

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—Takao Sakamoto, 146, registered a fine knockout of Mugen Kawasaka, 145½, at 1:40 of the second round in a scheduled 10. It was Sakamoto's second defense since acquiring the vacant title via a spectacular kayo of Kenji Mizoguchi last year. After dropping the challenger with a stinging left in the second round, the champ landed a wicked overhand right to the face in Round Three. Mugen, former junior middleweight and middleweight champ, fell flat for the count. The loser had been fighting in three divisions, and he aimed to take his third crown — but in vain.

Takao, 22, is 6-1 with as many kayoes. Mugen, 26, fell to 18-9 with 14 stoppages.

Kazuya Kano, 123½, looked impressive as he disposed of Kaoru Yoshioka, 122, at 1:48 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotions.
(2-4-88)

▶**HIMEJI**—Welfare Arena—The OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) flyweight champ Kenji Matsumura, 112, very barely kept his title for the second time as he was awarded a controversial split decision from Cho-Woon Park, the top contender from Korea, 111¾, in 12.

Park, former OPBF junior flyweight champ, looked smaller, but he showed faster combinations in the close range. Matsumura attempted to overpower Park, but it was fought in close quarters with Park throwing many light, but accurate shots.

Scoring: referee Thomas (Philippines) 117-116, Matsumura: Matsumoto (Japan) 118-111, Matsumura; Kim (Korea) 117-114, Park.

Kenji, 27, bettered his log to 8-2 with four kayoes. Park dropped to 19-3-3 with five kayoes.

Promoter: Kakogawa Kobe Promotions.
(2-11-88)

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—Japanese featherweight champ Mitsuru Sugiya, 125½, successfully kept his crown by a unanimous decision (97-95, 98-96 and 100-97) over lefty puncher Kenji Iizumi, 125¾, in a disappointing 10.

For the first six rounds Iizumi didn't throw many punches but studied the champ's busy combinations. From the seventh, the challenger was chasing the champ but was unable to overcome the early points deficits. The crowd doubted Iizumi's waiting strategy. Sugiya, who looked sharp and speedy, is 25-3 with 18 kayoes. Iizumi, two years his junior at 21, fell to 15-3 with 12 knockouts.

Eiji Oyama, the JBC's third-ranked junior lightweight, 129¼, showed his good rallies in later rounds and won a unanimous decision over Mexican import Dony (Escamilla) Yamashita, 131, in 10. Dony revealed his lack of stamina and took many right crosses from Oyama.

Oyama is 15-3-3 with eight kayoes. It was Dony's fourth setback against seven wins (as many knockouts) in his 11 bouts here.

Promoter: Kyoei Promotions.
(2-15-88)

JOE KOIZUMI

KOREA

▶**SEOUL**—Palpal Gymnasium—Sung-In Lee, 152¾, became the new Korean junior middleweight champ by stopping Chul-Hyun Kim, also 152¾, at 0:35 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

The title was relinquished to the KBC from Sang-Do Chang, who had a crack at Carlos Elliott's OPBF crown in Japan late last year. The Korean Commission makes it a rule to have national champs return their titles prior to challenging world or OPBF kingpins — in order to activate its domestic boxing fraternity.

Lee overcame the longer reach and faster footwork of Kim, mixed it up persistently and had him helpless in the fatal round. The third man wisely declared a stoppage.

Lee improved to 10-2 with seven kayoes. Kim impaired to 4-4 with three KOs.

Promoter: Dong-Il Promotions.
(1-16-88)

▶**SEOUL**—Palpal Promotions—All Korean's Novice King tourney came to the finals in 12 classes. The results are as follows:

Mini-flyweight: Kap-Chul Shin polished off Sung-Kwon Lee at 2:07 of the first round in a scheduled six. Shin is 7-0 with a kayo.

Junior flyweight: Sung-Chin Oh was also a first-round kayo winner over Pan-Ki Park at 2:30 of a scheduled six.

Flyweight: Keum-Soo Yuh impressively demolished Chan-Woo Yang at 1:48 of the fourth session in a scheduled six and was awarded "Best Novice King" award. Yuh is 8-0 with four kayoes.

Junior bantamweight: Ke-Youn Yuh stopped Keun-Soo Lee at 0:47 of the fourth canto in a scheduled six.

Bantamweight: Yong-Heun Lee decisioned Chong-Kil Kim in six.

Junior featherweight: Jae-Won Choi outscored Bong-Chul Kim in six.

Featherweight: Tae-Shik Chun disposed of Duek-Soo Kim at 2:23 of the fourth canto in a scheduled six. Chun is 5-0 with three KOs.

Junior lightweight: Heun-Chul Kwon won from Dong-In Kim in six.

Lightweight: Sung-Jin Yang outpointed Jae-Duk Park in six.

Junior welterweight: Ko-Sup Song decisioned Oh-Suk Koh in six.

Welterweight: Jin-Won Mok, 18, won over Young-Yong Lee in six.

Middleweight: Sung-Tae Changbeat beat Tae-Han Bae on points in six.

The winners will be top notchers in the Korean fistic front soon.

Promoter: Kangpo Promotions.
(1-23-88)

▶**SEOUL—Palpal Gymnasium**—Byung-Soo Park, the OPBF featherweight champion, 125¾, kept his crown by a split decision over Filipino Gilberto George, 125½, in 12.

Each failed to score his best shot throughout the contest, and both were jeered by the crowd. Gilberto was fading from the ninth round on, but Park could not display his vaunted power punching.

Scoring: referee Jae-Keun Kim (Korea) 117-114, Park; Dae-Un Chung (Korea) 116-114, Park; Reynaldo Quementin (Philippines) 117-115, George.

The Filipino, ranked eighth by the OPBF, deserves a rematch. Park is 24-2-1 with 15 kayoes. Gilberto is 13-2-1 with five KOs.

The first tenner saw Chang-Woo Hong, Korean junior flyweight champ at 108, dispose of Kyung-Jae Chang, the top contender at 107¾, at 2:48 of the sixth session. Chang, a hard-hitting lefty, failed to score his favorite right hooks only to be a victim of Hong's busy combinations. Hong is 13-1 with seven kayoes. Chang fell to 14-3-1 with four KOs.

Promoter: Hwaryong Promotions.
(1-24-88)

▶**CHUNGBOK**—Boun Citizens Arena—Lanky lefty Tae-Il Chang, 115, wrested the OPBF junior bantamweight throne by a unanimous decision over Byung-Kwan Chung, the defending champ, 114½, in 12.

Chang's longer reach and superior height, plus his puzzling southpaw style, proved a nuisance for Chung. For the dethroned champ it was his first showing since he was stopped by **Kaosai Galaxy** in his quest for the WBA title months before. Chang had also lost his IBF world throne to Elly Pical in his previous bout in the challenger's home town in Indonesia. Tae-Il is 23-3-2 with 10 knockouts. Byung-Kwan impaired to 13-6-3 with three kayoes.

Korean flyweight champ Soon-Hung Kang, 113½, engaged in a non-title tenner and stopped Filipino Triffon Torralba 112½, at 1:31 of the fourth session. Kang upped his log to 28-8-1 with four kayoes. The loser is 12-3-4 with eight KOs.
(1-24-88)

JOE KOIZUMI & YOO-CHANG KIM

PHILIPPINES

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—Filipino junior bantamweight champ Constancio Dangla, 115, successfully kept his national crown by taking a unanimous decision over Rey Tarroza, the top contender, 114¼, in 12.

Eight-rounders: William Alip, 111¾, scored a TKO win over Bert Chan, 117, at the end of the seventh round.

Wilson Apurado, 125, stopped Joseph Chan, 124¼, at 0:40 into the second session.

Venecio Esteban, 127½, unanimously decisioned Gilbert Magaada, 131¾.

Ramon Chan, 116¼, outscored Eddie Bacunawa, 116, in the first eight.

Promoter: Danilo Quinto.
(12-5-87)

▶**MALABON**—Del Monte Cockpit—Danilo Contado, 133½, amazed the crowd as he made short work of veteran Romy Cunanan, 135, polishing him off in the opening session of a scheduled 10.

Emil Romano, ranked sixth in the flyweight class by the GAB (Games and Amusements Board, the commission of this country), 114, won a unanimous decision over Dingky Jagdon, 114, in 10.

Rene Brugada, 124, was awarded a majority decision over Jun Rico, 123, in eight.

Promoter: Ramon Dionisio.
(12-4-87)

▶**DAVAO CITY**—CYO GYM—Former Filipino champ Jun Resma, 117, showed his ring experience in copping a unanimous nod from Eldie Paradero, 118, in 10. Paulino Butalid refereed.

Mario Sumalinog, the GAB's fourth-ranked bantamweight, 124, TKO'd Jun Carreon, 124, in the third session of a scheduled 10.

Nelson Purisima, 106, scored an upset decision over ex-Filipino mini-flyweight champ Jun Afable, 106, in 10.

Leo Sabanal, 138, knocked out Fred Guanzon, 138, in the second round of a scheduled 10.

Ronnie Tan, 114, stopped Johnny Ebo, 114, in the third canto of the first 10.

Leo Ramirez and Julius Planas, both 106, fought to a split draw in six.

Joseph Salvador, 117, also drew with Gil Ceniza, 117, in a six-round opener.

Promoter: Renato Buenaventura.
(12-4-87)

▶**KAPATAGAN, LANAO DEL NORTE**—Alvin Salud, 126, chalked up a TKO win over Alex Masecampo, 128, in the fourth session of a scheduled 10. Baby Murillo refereed.

Victor Sagaad, 128, and Jessim Garzon, also 128, battled to a technical draw (split) in the fourth session of a scheduled 10.

Gil Asesor, 116, stopped Danny Malhin, also 116, in the fourth canto of a scheduled 10.

Rey Bonito and Jun Lumayag, both 108, fought to a technical draw in six.

Little Adonis, 109, also drew with Speedy Jack, 108, in six.

Promoter: Roberto Rodrigo.
(12-3-87)

▶**GINGOG CITY**—Jun Quitamco, 132, was given a majority decision over Flor Pabayo, 132, in 10. Jimmy Galarpe refereed.

Arnold Solitario, 107, was also a close winner by a majority nod over Fernando Baja, 106, in 10.

Jun Tinoy, 121, stopped Alan Inguito, 121, in the eighth canto of a scheduled 10.

Lito Butra, 120, won from Jun Salisi, 121, in eight.

Iton Mangmang, 115, halted Flor Mapana, also 115, in the second round of a scheduled six.

Promoter: Ronaldo Pacuribot.
(12-6-87)

▶**VILLANUEVA, MISAMIS ORIENTAL**—Ali Albaracin, 126, scored a TKO victory over Rey Tapongot, 125, at 1:18 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Shulo Bayarcal, 108, stopped Eddie Cobrador, 106, at 2:05 of the fourth canto in a scheduled six.

This card consisted of just two fights.

Promoter: Ben Ebale.
(12-6-87)

▶**DIGOS, DAVAO DEL SUR**—Jonathan Ballerda, 112, pounded out a unanimous decision over Jerry Sera, 112, in 10. Satur Yongco refereed.

Ariel Deloso, 120, knocked out Jun Boligao, 120, in the first round of a scheduled eight.

Promoter: Gabriel Traya.
(12-6-87)

▶**BANSALAN, DAVAO DEL SUR**—Leo Almosa, 128, defeated Tony Cinco, also 128, by a majority decision in 10. Paulino Butalid refereed.

Felix Sadili, 118, won from Joel Mayot, also 118, in eight.

Boboy Tibayan, 114, decisioned Arnold Sazon, 114, in six.

Julius Planas, 108, TKO'd Ramil Baguio, 108, in the opening session of a scheduled six.

Promoter: William Sanchez.
(12-8-87)

▶**QUEZON CITY**—Allan Moore, the GAB's eighth-ranked junior flyweight, 112, stopped Rex Rapizo, 112½, in the eighth canto of a scheduled 10. Tom Evaristo refereed.

Eric Chavez, 111, won over Mario Aliguin, 112, in 10.

Noel Cornelio, 116, decisioned Rocue Villanueva, 116, in six.

Ronnie Solis 124½, scored a quick kayo of Analito Ajit, 126½, at just 1:00 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Promoter: Carmelita Pascua.
(12-12-87)

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—UB Gym—Sammy Baculong, Filipino flyweight champ, 113, was held to a fourth-round technical draw by Joseph Ladipe, 114½, in a scheduled non-title 10.

Louie Gonzales, 117, won from Arsenio Perez Jr., 114, in 10.

Promoter: Emily de la Rama.

(12-13-87)

▶**POLOMOLOK, SOUTH COTABATO**—Rolando Protacio, 110, took an upset majority decision over Terry Felizilda, also 110, in 10.

Nick Ampong, the GAB's seventh-ranked bantie, 118, drew with Gilbert Albay, the number two contender, 118, in 10.

Ben Capagungan, 120, decisioned Joe Apurado, 119, in 10.

Ken Java, 110, drew with Julio Belo, 110, in 10.

Jonathan Fin, 128, TKO'd Jun Pampliega, 128, in the eighth canto of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Benjamin Aguerre.

(12-13-87)

▶**OSLOB, CEBU**—Ademar Amad, the Filipino seventh-ranked junior flyweight, 112½, stopped Ross Canedo, 120, at 1:15 of the ninth round of a scheduled 10. Gerry Villarante refereed.

Fidel Ymbong, 119½, also halted Flor Areenas, 120, in the third round of a semifinal 10.

The open scoring system was applied to this card, and it was welcomed by the crowd.

Promoter: Luciano Babiera Sr.

(12-14-87)

▶**LILEY, ZAMBOANG DEL SUR**—Frank Domino, 128, defeated Flash Albert, 127, by a unanimous decision in 10. Romy Bernaldez refereed.

Promoter: Diomedes Tabe-Tabe.

(12-14-87)

▶**SOUTH COTABATO**—Elmer Cubillas, the GAB's fifth-ranked bantamweight, 119, unanimously decisioned Melchor Ardonia, 118, in 10.

Kid Kanashiro, 112, outscored Sil Diarota, 112, in 10.

Promoter: Carmelino Buenaflor.

(12-15-87)

▶**JASAAN, MIS. ORIENTAL**—Rodolfo Igloria, 118, scored a technical knockout over Ricky Acaylar, 118, in the fourth session of a scheduled six.

(12-16-87)

▶**MANILA**—Rizal Memorial Coliseum—Filipino lightweight champ Rod Sequenan, 135, kept his title by a unanimous decision over Lito Pena, the third-ranked contender, 134, in 12. Tom Evaristo refereed.

Romeo Opriasa, 111, stopped Japanese Masaharu Kawakami, 113, at 0:59 of the fifth session in a scheduled 10.

Rolando Pascua, 115, won from Fighting Simson, 115½, in 10.

Gelso Arreglo, 123½, took a majority nod over Ador Unesto, 123, in the first 10.

Promoter: Grego Garcia.

(12-16-87)

▶**BALANGA, BATAAN**—The OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) junior lightweight champ Geron Porras, 133, engaged in a non-title go and demolished Boy Abuela, 134, at 2:55 of the eighth round of a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Filipino welterweight ruler Francisco Ferrer, 150, was also a TKO winner over Lito Vasquez, 150, in the seventh session of a scheduled non-title 10.

Promoter: Carmelita Pascua.

(12-19-87)

▶**METRO MANILA**—Rizal Memorial Coliseum—Former Filipino junior flyweight champ Tacy Macalos, 112, proved too strong for Ranulfo Melencion, 111, stopping him at 2:46 of the second round of a scheduled 10.

Jun Llano, 122, outscored Allan de la Cruz, 123, in 10.

Joe Labrador, 124½, and Rudy Cabiles, 127, fought to a technical draw in the third round of a scheduled 10.

Jun Villablanca, 119½, decisioned Bobby Pinos, 119½, in 10.

Nilo Endic, 111, outpointed Faustino Simbajon, also 111, in 10.

Jun Rico, 123, won from Julio Valiente, 122, in eight.

Promoter: Tomasa Pamilosa.

(12-19-87)

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—Baguio College Foundation Gym—Ramon Wasi, 127, eked out a split decision over Hilbert Aragon, 127, in 10.

Bernabe Aliping, 135, scored a second-round TKO over Jun Castellano, 135½, in a scheduled 10. Ex-Orient featherweight champ Army Wonder Boy refereed.

Junior Danglose, 135, unanimously decisioned Gerson Brago, 128, in 10.

Promoter: Raffy Panagan.

(12-19-87)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—In an encounter of former Filipino champions, Ruben dela Cruz, 117¼, scored a unanimous decision over Jun Resma, 118, in 10. Satur Yongco refereed.

Ricky Flor, 107, won a unanimous nod over Romy Ceniza, 107, in 10.

Luis Milado, 123, stopped Tony Cinco, 124, in the second round of a scheduled 10.

Arman Picar, 150, knocked out Fernando Gloria, also 150, in the ninth session of a scheduled 10.

Leo Sabanal, 140, decisioned Boy Romero, 140, in 10.

Al Balaba, 122, won from Kid Tavera, also 122, in 10.

Nelson Cabig, 119, TKO'd Ariel Deloso, 119, in the eighth session of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Eusebio Almario Jr.

(12-19-87)

▶**CEBU CITY**—Cebu Coliseum—Veteran Poker Polegrino, 121, produced an upset as he defeated Armando Ramos, the GAB's second-ranked featherweight, 122, in 10. Luciano Babiera Jr. refereed.

Flash Ursus, the Filipino number five junior lightie, 129¾, took a unanimous duke over Edwin Guerrero, 128, in 10.

Roger Pilapil, 120, TKO'd Leroy Orbiso, 119, at the end of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Edgar Perez, 118, outscored Edgar Cortez, 119, in eight.

Promoter: Aranco & Sun Promotions.

(12-19-87)

▶**GINGOOG CITY**—Jun Generale, ranked second in the junior flyweight class by the GAB, 110, impressively scored a technical knockout over Ernie Halop.

Roger Quisaba, 129, won from Alvin Salud, also 129. in 10.

Promoter: Ben Ebale.

(12-19-87)

▶**DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Filipino junior welterweight champ Allan Alegria, 138¾, showed determined attacks and stopped Jun Ramos, 140, in the 12th and final round to retain his national title.

Gerry Allawan, 112, decisioned Sally Siscon, 112, in 10.

Promoter: Jose Alegria.

(12-19-87)

▶**MATI, DAVAO ORIENTAL**—Mati Cultural Center—Young Rey, 113, drew with Nathan Ballerda, 112, in 10.

Geoffrey Gegoncillo, 112, won over Lorento Nacario, 112, in 10.

Promoter: Rolando Ligas.

(12-19-87)

▶**PANTUKAN, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Filipino top-ranked lightie Boy Ligas, 130, was held to a unanimous draw by Edgar Apatan, 129, in 10.

Rey Betsaida, 108, also drew with Joel Revilla, 107, in 10.

Promoter: Rolando Ligas.

(12-20-87)

▶**PANABO, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Pepito Simblante, the GAB's ninth-ranked junior bantamweight, 118, was awarded a split decision over Robinson Cabusao, also 118, in 10.

Francis Velasquez, 122, won from Leo Lancian, 124, in 10.

Ronnie Tan, 112, was a TKO winner over Arthur Baclayo, 112, in the fifth canto of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Joel Obsioma.

(12-20-87)

▶**SUCAT, PARANAQUE**—Elorde Sports Complex—Steve Peel, 149½, won an upset unanimous decision over veteran Dionisio Castillo the GAB's second-ranked welterweight, 151, in 10.

Edel Geronimo, 117, unanimously outscored Tom Ramos, 118½, in 10.

Jun Altarejos, 107, won from Anthony Rendiza, 105, in 10.

Promoter: Laura S. Elorde.

(12-23-87)

▶**ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR**—Jun Carreon, 127, took a unanimous decision over Rochel Canette, 127, in 10. Prudencio Giovani refereed.

Promoter: Cesar Cinco.

(12-24-87)

▶**NASIPIT, AGUSAN DEL SUR**—Flash Simine, 122, chalked up a TKO victory over Jun Acobo, 120, at 2:00 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Alberto Aserideano refereed.

Al Balaba, 122, unanimously decisioned Alfy Atelio, 123, in 10.

Promoter: Benifacio Hilario.

(12-26-87)

▶**OZAMIS CITY**—Jongjong Perez, the Filipino number six mini-flyweight, 106, won a unanimous verdict over Cris Sanchez, 106, in 10. Young Feley refereed.

Jun Edward, 116, knocked out Jimmy Kid, 117, in the second session of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Reynaldo Yabut.

(12-27-87)

▶**MAMBAJAO, PROVINCE OF CAMIGUIN**—Bennie Ballentos, 122, drew with Kid Gella, also 122, in 10.

Rodolfo Egloria, 122, managed to win a majority decision over Efren Llimit, 121, in eight.

Promoter: Ben Ebale.

(12-27-87)

▶**VALENCIA, BUKIDONON**—Roger Camayot, 108, took a majority decision over Joselito Castro, 110, in 10. Jimmy Butalid refereed.

Lito Butra, 118, and Brics Sumatra, 119, drew in 10.

Promoter: Ramon Siaty.

(12-27-87)

▶**DAVAO CITY**—CYO Gym—Dadoy Andujar, the Filipino top junior bantamweight contender, 117, was rendered a technical decision over Lito Villaflor, 115, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Romy Ceniza, 107, won from Loloc Elloren, 108, in 10.

Rey Paciones, 117, needed less than a round to stop Nestor Pagaran, 118, in a scheduled 10. The crowd praised his first-round TKO.

Boy Rosadas, 120, won a majority decision over Ronnie Abian, 122, in 10.

Promoter: Teofilo Perote.

(12-29-87)

▶**DAVAO CITY**—Calian Gym—Mario Sumalinog, the GAB's fourth-ranked bantie, 118, stopped Teo Aradora, 118, in the third round of a scheduled 10.

Nathan Ballarda, 112, unanimously decisioned Geoffrey Gegoncillo, 112, in 10.

Promoter: Victor Quiambao.

(12-30-87)

▶**INITAO, MISAMIS ORIENTAL**—Rey Balaba, 145, stopped Tony Sato, 147, at 1:30 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Jim Galarpe refereed.

Zaldy Lingolingo, 118, unanimously decisioned Jun Salisi, also 118, in 10.

Promoter: Frumencio Lao.

(12-30-87)

JOE KOIZUMI

THAILAND

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Chane Rungrojana, Thai lightweight champion, 134, proved too strong for Samor (Laud-aryuthaya) Donjadee, the top contender, 135, stopping him in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

Chane an American born in Thailand, sent the victim to the deck twice in the fourth and finished him in the next round.

(1-28-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Yingyai Petchvihar, the TBC's seventh-ranked junior featherweight, 130, returned to action and stopped Rakchart Kiattavatchai, 135, in the second canto of a scheduled six.

(1-2-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Mapahi Narachvat, Thai #4 junior bantie, 115, easily caught and demolished Srinarong Sithseenmok, 115, in the third round of a scheduled six.

(1-4-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—In an eliminator to decide the new Lumpinee Stadium's champion in the flyweight class, Downrung Technicutaradit, the TBC's top contender, 112, seized the local crown by stopping Champ Kiatpetch, also 112, in the third round of a scheduled 10.

Champ (this is his ring name) couldn't become champion as he hit the deck twice and for the count in the fatal round.

Downrung is 14-3 with nine kayoes. Champ fell to 7-1 with four KOs.

(1-8-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—In the daytime card, Naramit Singdownkanong, 114, unanimously decisioned Jomphichit Kiathavatchai, 113, in six.

In the night card, Thai junior featherweight champ Downmai Sithkodom, the WBC's 11th-ranked contender, 127, polished off Yutasak Borkorsor, 126, in the third round of a scheduled six.

Downmai's manager Sombhop Srisonvongse is planning to get Downmai a crack at the WBC title in the near future.

Downmai is 24-3 with 16 kayoes.

(1-9-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Thanjai (Kia-

thavatchai) Donjadee, the TBC's top junior flyweight contender, 113, finished Pansak Managanchang, 113, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(1-15-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Somchai Kiatsonthaya, a rising prospect, 117, lost to Phichit Sithborvorn, the TBC's #10 bantie, 119, in six.
(1-16-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Having been kayoed by Yong-Kang Kim in his quest for the vacant OPBF throne in Korea, Thai junior flyweight boss Putt Ohyuthanakorn, 106, engaged in his comeback go and disposed of Ganchai Kiatsonthaya, 111, in the second round of a scheduled six.

Putt is 21-6 with 12 knockouts.
(1-19-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Lanthong Chalotorn, the TBC's #9 flyweight, 112½, suffered an upset kayo by Raveenoi Harnravee, 113½, in the second round of a scheduled six. Langthong was a hard puncher, but his one-year layoff seemed to have him ring rusty.
(1-20-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Tepratum Eakchatchainchai, ranked second in the junior bantam class by the TBC, 119, came back from his campaign in Korea and demolished old soldier Downoi Sithsaneh, 117, in the second round of a scheduled six.

The loser hit the deck thrice before the referee called a halt.

Tepratum had been kayoed by Korean prospect Sung-Kil Moon after scoring a string of knockouts in Bangkok. He is now 20-2 with 16 kayoes.
(1-22-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Ded Donjadee, the Thai #3 mini-flyweight contender, 106, knocked out Mahalap Singchatchaval, 105, in the opening round of a scheduled six.

Ded is 10-12 with nine kayoes.
(1-25-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—WBA world junior bantamweight champ **Kaosai Galaxy** kept his title as he took a close but unanimous decision from compatriot Kongthoranee Payakaroon in 12 heats.

Kaosai is 35-1 with 31 knockouts. Kongthoranee fell to 12-2 with nine stoppages.
(1-26-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Jimmy Sithpaidang, Thai featherweight champ, 127, easily polished off Vuthidech S. Savatdi, 129, in the second session of a scheduled six.

Jimmy's title wasn't at stake. He boosted his log to 11-2 with seven knockouts.
(1-27-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Narongthavat Nabumrung, the TBC's sixth-ranked junior flyweight, 117, dropped an upset decision to Tantavan Wongvianyai, 118, in six. Narongthavat, a sparring partner of the WBC flyweight boss Sot Chitalada, failed to show his real power and usual zip.

In the night card at the same stadium, Superboy Eakvat, the TBC's second-ranked junior lightweight, 132, easily kayoed Somdech P. Ongart, 131, in the opening round of a scheduled six.

Somdech has a record of 0-7 including seven kayo defeats, but he has been loved as an easy victim by promoters.
(1-30-88)

JOE KOIZUMI

PAN PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

VICTORIA

▶**CROYDEN**—Leisure Centre—Australian and OPBF cruiserweight champion Dave Russell, 194½, had far too much on the ball for American Kevin Cashmeir, 187½, in their 10-rounder here. Judges Cliff Heaver, Johnny Wheeler and Chris Anderson scored, respectively, 100-87, 100-91, 99-91, all in favor of Russell.

This was the headliner in the first promotion of 1988 in Australia. In another 10 Rocky Pirrottina, 145¼, won the vacant Victorian state welterweight title by halting Dave Ramsden, 146¾, in Round Seven. Towel came from Ramsden's corner, so referee Johnny Wheeler crowned Pirrottina. Incensed, Ramsden threw a punch at his trainer.

In a scheduled eight-rounder Scott Brouwer, 121¾, halted southpaw Peter Warren, 127¾, in Round Four because of a cut eye. Warren was leading on points at the time, but Brouwer was coming on and may have won on points had the bout lasted the distance.

Over six rounds, Mark Saris, 205¼, stopped Meho Krkic, 194½, in Round Four. Referee stopped contest to save Krkic. Saris was Australian amateur heavyweight champion in 1986.
(1-29-88)

NEW SOUTH WALES

▶**REVESBY**—Workers Club—Former IBF world junior lightweight champion Lester Ellis, who is after the WBC division title where he is rated No. 1, came in heavy at 139½ this night to meet Filipino Jun Tito, 132½. Lester wore the trunks of the late Russell Sands, who was killed in a car accident some five months ago. (Sands was his friend). He adopted a boxing role, making the Filipino miss, then in Round Three came a head clash and Ellis suffered a cut eye. That changed Lester's tactics. He came in with a beautiful right to the jaw. Down went Tito to be counted out by referee Billy Males.

In another scheduled 10-rounder Renato Cornett, 132¼, who is after the Australian junior lightweight title, met Filipino Gary Milanos, 131¾. Renato is one of the fastest punchers in the business. In Round Four, after dominating the bout, Cornett released a superb right uppercut. Down went Milanos for the full count.

Alan Whitten, 121¼, and Richard Reilly, 121¼, staged a thriller over eight rounds. Reilly got away to a lead, but Whitten gradually took over and won 77-75, 77-76 and 77-73 on the cards of judges Don Marks, Billy Males and John Wright. The crowd showered the ring with money that amounted to $120. Later, a fan walked into each dressing room and gave each lad $100. He refused to give his name.

Six rounds: Mark Kyle, 212¾, halted Wally Keaster, 198¼, in Round Four. Referee Paul Moore stopped the contest as Keaster had been down and had nowhere to go.

In another six Errol Oluku, 140, stopped Darryl Goodwin, 137¾, in Round Five. The towel came in after an eight-count and referee Billy Males stopped the contest.

Tony Cornett promoted the show, which pulled in a full house. Good program.
(2-12-88)

▶**NOTES:** On Saturday, February 6, a memorial was opened to the memory of **Dave Sands**, one of Australia's all-time great middleweights (he twice easily outpointed Carl Bobo Olsen who later, in winning world title, said, "This title should have belonged to Dave Sands"). Dave was killed in a motor accident on August 11, 1952, aged 26. The memorial was opened at Stockton, a suburb of Newcastle. Dave lived at Stockton. The idea of the memorial came from Cec Perkins, a licensed boxing judge, who did a great job in organizing it.

On the face of this stone memorial, near the top, is a photo of Sands. Engraved below is his birthdate, list of titles he held and date of death. The monument stands five feet high. It is 20 inches across the front. From front to back it is two feet. About 300 people attended the unveiling by Dave's son, David. There were 24 relatives of Dave, but only one brother. He is Clem, the eldest of the six fighting Sands brothers. Five of those brothers and their only sister, Lillian, have died. So has brother Alf's son, Russell, who won the Australian welter title but lost it in 1985. Russell was killed in a car accident last September.

RAY MITCHELL

AFRICA

IVORY COAST

▶**ABIDJAN**—Lightweight Daniel Londas posted an eight-round decision over Joe Alexander.
(1-9-88)

KENYA

▶**NAKURU**—Did Flywell Botha win the East and Central African flyweight championship, or not?

Botha, of Zambia, took a unanimous, 12-round decision over Kenya's Steve Muchoki and a dispatch from the Zambian High Commission reportedly said Botha would meet current ABU champion Nana Kaundadou of Ghana for the African title. Supposedly, Zambia High Commission officials in Nairobi watched this fight in Nakuru.

However, the Zambian Professional Wrestling and Boxing Board of Control refused to recognize Botha's victory. This board claims that an East and Central African commission does not even exist for pro boxers and did not sanction Botha's trip to Kenya.

"We don't have such organization in professional boxing," said Sonstone Kashiba, the ZPWBBC secretary, who added that the only ECA organizations he was aware of covered amateur boxing and wrestling.

Meanwhile, it was revealed that Botha was already under an indefinite ban imposed by his handlers, Worldwide Promotions, for another unsanctioned trip to Nairobi three years ago. Botha has applied to join Larry Banda's Giant Promotions, an application that is still under consideration.
(2-7-88)

AGNESS SHAMILIMO

NEW FACES

LOUIE LOMELI

by Jeff Carlson

EVER SINCE THE NATIONALLY TELEvised demolition of middleweight contender John Collins in 1986 and the deposition of cruiserweight titleholders LeRoy Murphy and Alfonso Ratliff, boxing in Chicago has floundered.

Enter lightweight Louie Lomeli.

With a devastating three-punch combination, Lomeli leveled tough Sal Cenicola in the second round of his February Atlantic City debut. Lomeli finished Cenicola soon after when the New Jerseyite had the gall to get up from the first knockdown of his career. It was the first time Cenicola had been stopped and marked Lomeli's 17th knockout in 20 professional fights.

The fight also marked the arrival of Lomeli as a serious pro prospect and put the lightweights of the world on notice.

Despite his unbeaten record, Lomeli found plenty of pre-fight skeptics.

"Before the fight they weren't impressed with my record," Lomeli recalled. "Everybody said it was going to be a tough fight, but afterwards it was a different story. People kept coming up to me asking how come I hadn't fought there before."

Lomeli had kept a low profile in the Windy City, quietly compiling an outstanding record and sharpening his skills. The fight with Cenicola on the Vinny Pazienza-Greg Haugen undercard was Lomeli's second under the promotional auspices of Cedric Kushner and plans call for the 22-year-old Melrose Park resident to challenge for a title some time in the near future.

"This may sound funny, but ever since I was in boxing I kept telling my trainer that we're going to be on the front page of *The Ring* magazine with a world championship belt," Lomeli said. "I keep telling him that. When I'm working hard, I keep thinking it shouldn't be that much trouble to win it."

A native of Ocotlan, Jalisco, Mexico, Lomeli moved to Illinois at the age of seven and started boxing at the age of 14, when he and his older brother, Rubin, would wrap towels around their hands and go at it.

When Lomeli's thoughts turned to soccer as a freshman in high school, another brother, Frank, steered him back into the gym. He went on to compile a 21-4 amateur record, but had his eye firmly fixed on a pro career.

Kent Acuff provided the opposition for Lomeli's pro debut in August of 1985 and fell in the third round. Louie took a 10-0 record into a May 17th, 1986 fight with veteran Nate Stewart for the Illinois state title. In a rough and tumble affair, Lomeli stopped Stewart in the seventh round and captured the belt.

"There's been a lot of improvement in every fight," Lomeli said. "All that came with practice. I'm always working on power, speed and trying to get away from punches."

His dedication and determination is finally paying off, but Lomeli never doubted that it would. Still, he remains a relative unknown on the stagnant Chicago boxing scene.

"Not too many people really know me in Chicago, but I always say it could be worse," Lomeli said. "If you want to catch a break, you have to work for it. You have to prove to people that you can do it, then they'll come to you."

"This may sound funny, but ever since I was in boxing I kept telling my trainer that we're going to be on the front page of ***The Ring*** *magazine with a world championship belt," Lomeli said.*

Lomeli also enjoys when opponents come to him. That allows him to utilize his vast offensive arsenal. He is a classic boxer/puncher who possesses speed, sock and ring savvy. At the root of his success is conditioning.

"What makes you feel good is when your body's in shape," Lomeli said. "You're looking and feeling good. The more you do, the more you want to do.

"When you're in shape, your body can absorb the punishment. Ninety to 95 percent of the game is mental. How can you worry about your opponent when you're in shape? Let me go after him. If I don't get him in the first few rounds, forget it. I'm in shape to go 10 rounds. I don't care if it goes to a decision, but I like to end things early."

His biggest wins have come over Cenicola, Jeff Bumpus, Hermino Morales, Angel Rodriguez and Victor Aponte. Not exactly household names and Lomeli realizes the competition will get stiffer as a championship shot gets closer.

"I don't think there are too many lightweights who hit as hard as me," Lomeli said. "I'd like to fight any one of the champions. I think those guys would try to fight and that would be a mistake."

Confident without being cocky, Lomeli is a firm believer in championship dreams. His wife, Olga, and daughter, Christina, fuel the dream.

"Right before the fight with Morales, I was home working out on Thanksgiving (1987)," Lomeli said. "That's how I am, I work out every day. I was jumping rope and my daughter was looking at me. I said nobody's going to be making fun of you that your father lost."

In defense of his state title the following day, Lomeli fractured Morales' jaw in recording a sixth-round stoppage.

"People love to see knockouts and who should they watch but Lomeli if that's what they like to see," he said. "This is definitely my year, whether I make it or break it and I'm going to make it.

"It's been a long time since Chicago's had a world champion and it's time. It's Louie Lomeli time."

Set your watch by it. □

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF LOUIE LOMELI

Melrose Park, IL. lightweight
Born: December 20, 1965
Managers: Robert Orgizelic and Lawrence Bronji
Trainer: Pat LaCassa

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1985		
Aug. 8	Kent Acuff	Chicago	TKO 3
Aug. 22	Joe Louis Smith	Chicago	KO 1
Sept. 21	Alfonso Sosa	Chicago	TKO 1
Oct. 11	Roy Huntley	Chicago	KO1
Oct. 19	Walter Cowans	Chicago	W4
Nov. 23	Robert Brooks	Chicago	TKO 4
Dec. 12	Walter Cowans	Chicago	TKO 4
	1986		
Jan. 18	Jerry Massey	Chicago	TKO 2
Feb. 22	Angel Rodriguez	Chicago	TKO 6
Mar. 22	Donnie Williams	Chicago	TKO 1
May. 17	Nate Stewart	Chicago	TKO 7
July 25	Victor Aponte	Chicago	W10
Dec. 5	Walter Cowans	Chicago	TKO 1
	1987		
Mar. 21	Sebastian Wilburn	Chicago	TKO 1
Apr. 24	Jeff Bumpus	Davenport	W 8
July 31	Richard Campbell	Villa Park	TKO 2
Sept. 3	Eddie Ruiz	San Juan	KO 1
Nov. 20	Hermino Morales	Villa Park	TKO 6
	1988		
Jan. 5	Ray James	Lexington	TKO2
Feb. 6	Sal Cenicola	Atlantic City	TKO2

SUMMARY

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
20	20	0	0	17

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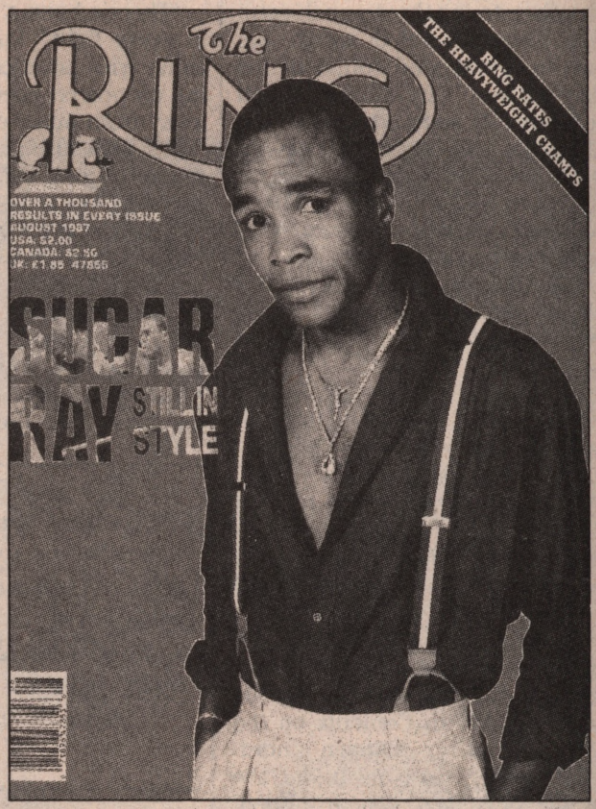

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Dave Russell W10 Kevin Cashmeir
Jerry Halstead W10 Walter Santemore
Mike Evans W10 Steve Zouski
Michael Greer W12 Pat Strachan
George Foreman TKO5 Guido Trane
Spencer Chavis W10 Pat Strachan
Lance Revill W12 August Tanuvasa
Carl Williams KO1 Rodney Frazier
James Pritchard KO4 Mike Cohen
Wille de Wit W10 Tony Morrison
Siza Makhatini TKO6 Dawud Shaw
Tim Witherspoon TKO Mauricio Villegas

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Chris Reid TKO3 Doug Kaluza
Chris Tiozzo W10 Charles Campbell
Nicky Walker TKO5 Jeff McCall
Terrance Walker KO1 Shaun Ayers
Dennis Andries W10 Jamie Howe
Craig Parsons W12 Teuane Naea
Tarmo Uusivirta TKO8 Tony Burke

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Iran Barkley W10 Sanderline Williams
Pat Prisco TKO9 Tony Corrado
Terry Norris KO3 Richard Aguirre
Al Long W12 Alex Ramos
Michael Olajide W10 Cecil Pettigrew
Tony Thornton W10 Tyrone Frazier
Rene Jacquot TKO4 Luigi Minchillo
Paul Whittaker TKO5 Irvin Hines
Darrin Van Horn TKO7 John Munduga
Frank Tate KO10 Tony Sibson
(Retained IBF Title)
Roberto Duran W10 Ricky Stackhouse
James Kinchen W12 Tim Williams
Wayne Harris W10 Ray Alberts

WELTERWEIGHTS

Daryl Lattimore W10 J.J. Waters
Akinobu Hiranaka KO2 Eiji Kikuzaki
Naoki Ito TKO8 Nilo Acido
Takao Sakamoto KO2 Mugen Kawasaka
Victorio Belcher TKO6 Efren Brown
David Taylor KO1 Genaro Leon
Fred Pendleton TKO1 Sammy Fuentes
Rocky Pirrottine TKO7 Dave Ramsden
Harold Brazier TKO4 Willy Ray
James McGirt TKO12 Frankie Warren
(Won IBF Jr. Welterweight Title)
Marlon Starling W12 Fujio Ozaki
(Retained WBA Title)
Mark Breland TKO3 Juan Villa
Brian Baronet W10 Sammy Rivera

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Mark Breland (right) warmed up for his scheduled rematch with Marlon Starling by beating Mexican Juan Alonso Villa for a third-round TKO on the Starling-Ozaki undercard.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Azumah Nelson W12 Mario Martinez
(Won WBC Super Featherweight Title)
Chane Rungrojana KO5 Samor Donjadee
Iwao Otomo W10 Yoshimitsu Azato
Eiji Oyama W10 Dony Yamashita
Tyrone Jackson TKO3 Robinson Sanchez
Gino Gelormino TKO6 Norman Bates
Bernard Taylor W10 Gary Stallworth
Michael Benjamin TKO6 Muhammed Dawes
Billy Young W10 Troy Davis
Lester Ellis KO3 Jun Tito
Renato Cornett KO4 Gary Milanos
Tracy Harris Patterson TKO3 Jeff Hannah
Greg Haugen W15 Vinny Pazienza
(Won IBF Title)
Roger Arevalo TKO9 Mauro Gutierrez
Ramon Verdugo W10 Fernando Segura

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Daniel Zaragoza TKO10 Carlos Zarate
(Won WBC Super Bantamweight Title)
Byung-Soo Park W12 Gilberto George
Ruben Dario Palacios KO4 Manuel Omar Mejia
Mark Horikoshi KO3 Takeo Takahashi
Seiji Asakawa KO2 Kazuo Osamu
Kazuya Kano KO3 Kaoru Yoshioka
Mitsuru Sugiya W10 Kenji Iizumi
Myron Taylor TKO2 Francis Childs
Bernard Taylor D12 Jeff Franklin
Steve McCrory TKO4 Omar Garcia
Kirk Harris TKO7 Arvel Campbell
Steve Larramore W10 Alfredo Layne
Robert Shannon KO2 Azael Moran
Louie Espinoza KO8 Refugio Rojas
Ronald McBean W10 Wayne Briggs
Bernardo Pinango W12 Julio Gervacio
(Won WBA Jr. Featherweight Title)

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Kaosai Galaxy W12 Kongthoranee Payakaroon
(Retained WBA Jr. Bantamweight Title)
Tadashi Shimabukuro KO6 Naoto Takahashi
Koheita Tanaka W10 Soichi Shimamura
Koji Nishikawa W10 Leopard Ari
Fabrice Benichou KO9 Thierry Jacob
Kelvin Seabrooks KO2 Fernando Beltran
(Retained IBF Title)
Roland Gomez TKO9 Javier Diaz
Hurley Snead KO6 Mario Lozano
Renaldo Carter KO4 Jorge Vasquez
Ray Minus W12 Enrique Sanchez
Pieor Morello W12 Salvatore Curcetti
Elly Pical W15 Raul Diaz
(Retained IBF Super Flyweight Title)
Simon Skosana KO7 Tony Pruitt

FLYWEIGHTS

Chang-Woo Hong KO6 Kyung-Jae Chang
Soon-Hung Kang KO4 Triffon Torralba
Elvis Alvarez W10 Victor Sierra
Ha-Shik Lim TKO8 Hideto Osanai
Kenji Matsumura W12 Cho-Woon Park
Luis Monzote KO7 Homero Guel
Flywell Botha W12 Steve Muchok
Myung-Woo Yuh W12 Wilibardo Salazar
(Retained WBA Jr. Flyweight Title)

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FOR DON KING
Promoter

Q: Do you think you and Bob Arum will ever co-promote another fight like you did when Roberto Duran fought Ray Leonard the first time?

M.K., NEW YORK CITY

A: Me and Arum are reasonable men when it comes to making money. We take our separate bags of money to separate banks, and then it's "You're a son of a bee," and "You're a son of a bee," but we're both two rich sons of bees.

FOR MARLON STARLING
WBA welterweight champion

Q: Why did you hire Eddie Futch to train you?

K.B., HARTFORD, CT

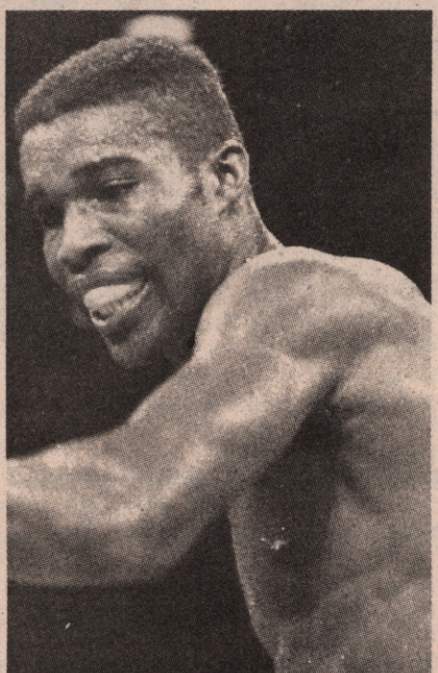
A: I decided it was about time I got myself a professional trainer. And I made the right choice. This is the first guy I've worked with who knows more than me.

FOR LARRY HOLMES
Former world heavyweight champion

Q: Now you've sampled Mike Tyson's punches, do you still think he can be beaten?

G.J., LEXINGTON, KY

A: If you keep fighting long enough, somebody will eventually get you. And if Tyson doesn't think so , he's crazy.



FOR MICHAEL NUNN
Middleweight contender

Q: Why can't you get a crack at IBF middleweight champ Frank Tate?

O.T.J., HOLLYWOOD, CA

A: There's no excuse for Frank not fighting me. I haven't been in there with him yet because he is fighting the opponents that he wants. But that can't go on forever. Eventually, Tate will have to fight me.

FOR MIKE MCCALLUM
Middleweight contender

Q: What do you enjoy the most about being a boxer?

R.M., TRENTON, NJ

A: I like to look back at something like the referee raising my hand in victory or the moment I score a knockout. After all the hard work that goes into a fight, it's very fulfilling to me.

FOR JAKE LAMOTTA
Former world middleweight champ

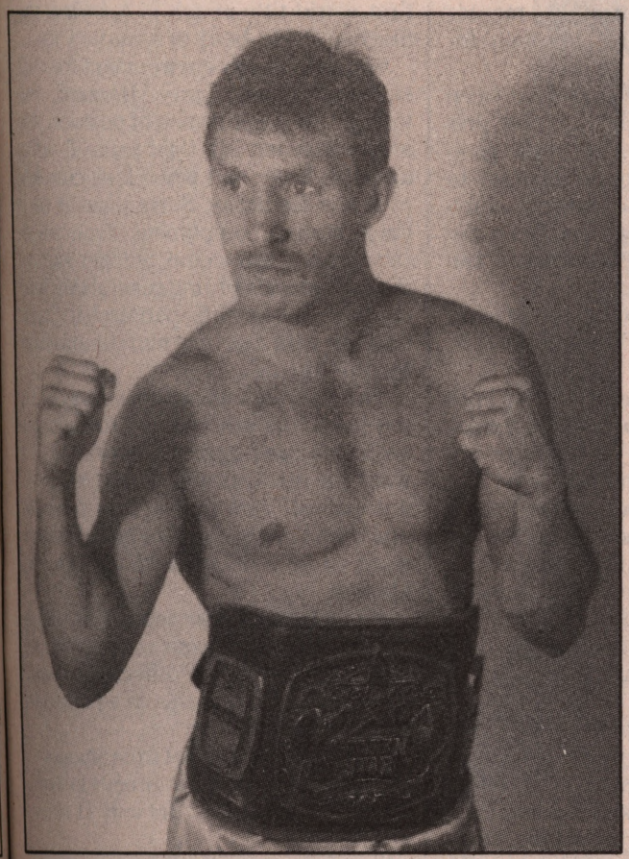
Q: How has boxing changed since you were in your prime?

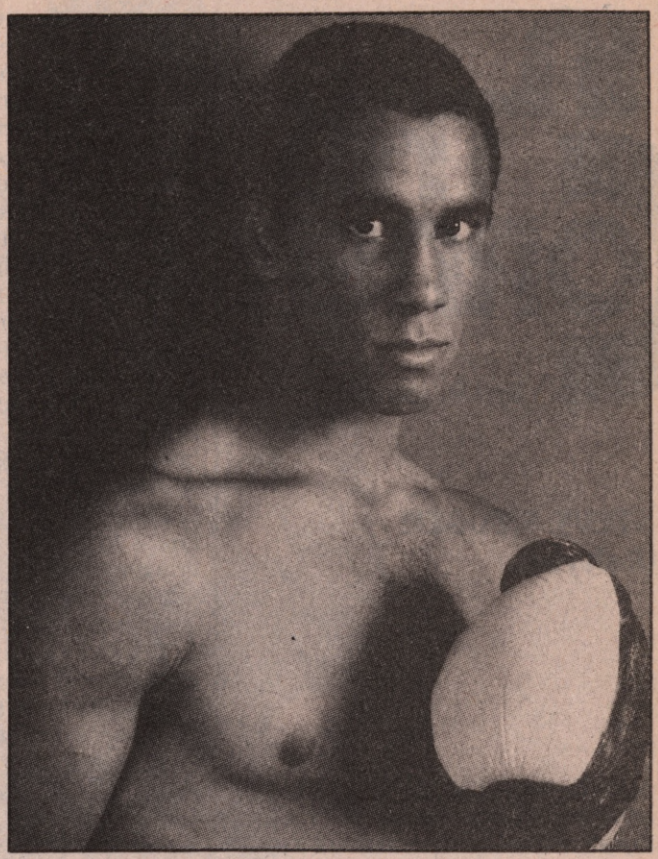
D.H., PALO ALTO, CA

A: Great fighters today get shots at the title earlier than we did. It was nine years and 88 fights before I got my shot. If I were fighting today, I'd have to change my style. They stop fights too soon now. When I was tagged, I would drop my guard and try to sucker the guy in. I couldn't do that stuff today.

TONY DELUCA FLYWEIGHT

THE BIGGEST MAN IN SAN DIEGO BOXING ONLY WEIGHS 112 pounds, and that's after a hearty breakfast. He's flyweight Tony "Bazooka" DeLuca, the hottest boxing attraction in the city. A real crowd-pleaser with his slam-bang style, DeLuca packs the 1,300-seat El Cortez Convention Center on a regular basis for promoter Lillian DePhilippis ... According to Elson Irwin of *The San Diego Tribune*, "The 'Bazooka' nickname is a bit of a misnomer. There's nothing bazooka-like in DeLuca's style of attack. He does possess knockout power, but not with one shot. He requires a lot of peppering first." ... A real showman, DeLuca likes to leave fans with a memento of his bouts ... "Win or lose, I throw pieces of Bazooka bubble gum out to the fans. It gives them something to remember about me," explained DeLuca ... DeLuca's recent performances have given his followers something more than just gum to chew on. "Zook," as his friends call him, has won his last six, bringing his overall pro log to 12-1-2 with five KOs. His lone loss came against Mauro "El Bombo" Diaz via a fifth-round TKO in a bout Tony took on two days notice ... Raised on the outskirts of Boston, DeLuca has been fighting off and on since he was 17 ... "I moved to San Diego expressly to further my boxing career. Let's face it, there aren't a whole lot of gyms in Boston." ... Managed by Juan Bustamante, DeLuca, 25, claims boxing has kept him off the streets, away from alcohol and out of trouble ... "I won my first fight and it's been fun ever since." □





ROBERT SHANNON FEATHERWEIGHT

FOR A LONG WHILE IT APPEARED ROBERT SHANNON WAS doomed to a so-so career. However, his recent kayo over Azael Moran in the Strohs Tournament has manager Angelo Dundee singing his praises ... "I've asked Jose Sulaiman to put Robert in with the winner of the Carlos Zarate-Daniel Zaragoza match for the WBC super bantam belt," Dundee informed *The Ring* ... Pro success has been a long time coming for the Tacoma-born Washington native. Shannon tallied a 126-26 (43 KOs) amateur record, including berths on both the 1980 and 1984 United States Olympic teams, but never really managed to cash in on his outstanding amateur stats. The U.S. boycotted the Moscow Games in '80 and Shannon lost to Korean Sung-Kil Moon at the '84 Games in Los Angeles ... Shannon joined the punch-for-pay ranks soon after the Olympics with a first-round kayo over Carlos Rodriguez in Everett, Washington. But, to date, his career has been spotty at best, though he remained unbeaten until slick-boxing Greg Richardson outscored him over 12 rounds for the USBA junior feather title in November of '86. Overall, Shannon's record stands at 15-2-2 with seven KOs ... Though he still covets a world title, boxing is far from Shannon's only interest. He is currently a student at Edmonds Community College and is expected to earn an associate of arts and science degree by the fall of '88. Eventually, Shannon hopes to add a bachelor's degree in sports and child psychology to his resume. But for now, both Dundee and Shannon will settle for a few more digits in the win column. □

IN THIS CORNER

By J.R. Jowett

STEVE SMOGER (Referee)

AMONG THE NEW RECRUITS TO THE elite and coveted cadre of "international" referees, this Atlantic City district attorney's rise has seemed meteoric. But while he may have rocketed to prominence, his launching pad in the tough New Jersey system required that Steve Smoger have the "right stuff." A wise-acre might smirk that being a D.A. is proper training to deal with the sport's underbelly characters. But by boxing's elusive "standards," Smoger's apprenticeship has been virtually Prussian.

A rarity, a native in a town of casino carpetbaggers, Smoger's role as a referee in such leisure palaces was forged almost at birth. His father was in the hotel business, while seeking his own recreation as a fight fan. Steve was just a child when carted to the Rocky Marciano-Jersey Joe Walcott classic in Philadelphia. He remembers wanting to touch the new champion's robe.

"We got trampled, but I got to touch the robe," he recalled.

Yet ironically, it was the ex-champ, Walcott, who eventually presided, as Commissioner, over Smoger's installation as an official.

During his high school years, he gravitated to the boxing program at the local YMCA. Not quite big enough to fit in well with the traditional scholastic sports, he found boxing, "... was a way for a 135-pound kid to gain some respect." He remembers scoring some modest success, but not enough to encourage any illusions. Then, while serving as a reservist at Ft. Lewis, Washington, a technicality shunted Smoger into a world of technicalities ... that of officiating. After a couple of bouts, someone noticed that the rules forbid reservists from participating on post teams. As a recompense, he was made a timekeeper and gym manager and liked the feel of officialdom.

Returning home after law school, he headed to the local PAL and became assistant trainer. But as a criminal lawyer, he came up close and personal with the unproductive side of the tough neighborhoods that fed the gym. He hoped to do something about that by bringing kids into contact with "the system" in a positive way. But the vision eventually clouded.

"I guess I'm not that hot an influence," he conceded.

While many of his kids did go on to lead successful lives, Smoger found the losses tough to take. Two evidently didn't feel that boxing served them well enough on the streets, preferring knives and boards to lefts and rights. When their victims failed to beat the 10-count, their disgruntled mentor thought, "Well, floss this. I'm goin' for me now."

By the mid-'70s, Smoger had been appointed City Prosecutor. In pre-casino days, this was a part-time position, which Smoger found Salutary to the furtherance of his boxing ambitions. Once his caseload had been disposed, he had his calls forwarded and headed for the gym.

"A great attraction to get out of work and mess around 'til dinnertime," he remembered.

He began a dual courtship of both the amateur and professional ranks, preparing himself by "learning every aspect from the ground up."

Smoger's career took on a divided nature that didn't come together for over half a decade. In the amateurs, he started as a timekeeper, but found it too stationary.

"I think I have more ability than that," he told local AAU kingpin Pat Duffy.

The quest eventuated in his introduction as a referee. He honed the skill handling sparring sessions at the PAL, where he often worked to music in order to polish the rhythm of his movements. Traveling a tri-state circuit, he refereed amateur cards in high school gyms, lofts over warehouses and beer distributors, and even an outdoor show on the Wildwood beach.

Meanwhile, the pro game was taking off in the casinos, and opportunity was knocking. Actually, in Steve's case it used the phone. One day a call came into the gym. It was Deputy Commissioner Bob Lee. The New Jersey Commission had been caught short of inspectors and needed a good "nuts-and-bolts" guy to help with a card that night. Smoger responded and from then on worked almost weekly on casino shows. The service helped his reffing, too, as he picked up the fine points of corner craft and artifice. Years later when he returned as a referee, he felt he'd gained the respect of veteran cornermen.

"They knew I came from the ground up," he explained.

Smoger debuted as a professional referee in June of '84, working two four-rounders at Totowa's Ice World. He main-evented in September, made national TV a month later, worked a USBA title fight in just over a year, and a world title in Pusan, South Korea, in under two. Recently, he handled his first world title match in America, the Starling-Ozaki bout in Atlantic City.

Smoger credits environment for this success. From Larry Hazzard, he learned the importance of position. He also patterned his tight-pants fluidity after his boss, and when fans chuckle over the similarity, Steve takes it as a back-handed compliment. From veteran Frank Cappuccino, Smoger gained the importance of ring generalship and control. He credits patriarchal Zack Clayton with teaching him compassion for the fighters.

"When there's a knockout, I stay with the loser," he pointed out, to contrast with picture-hogging showboats. "I want the medical staff to relieve me of my duties." And he's a fan's referee, one who lets the fighters fight. "I don't want to be a deciding factor," he explained.

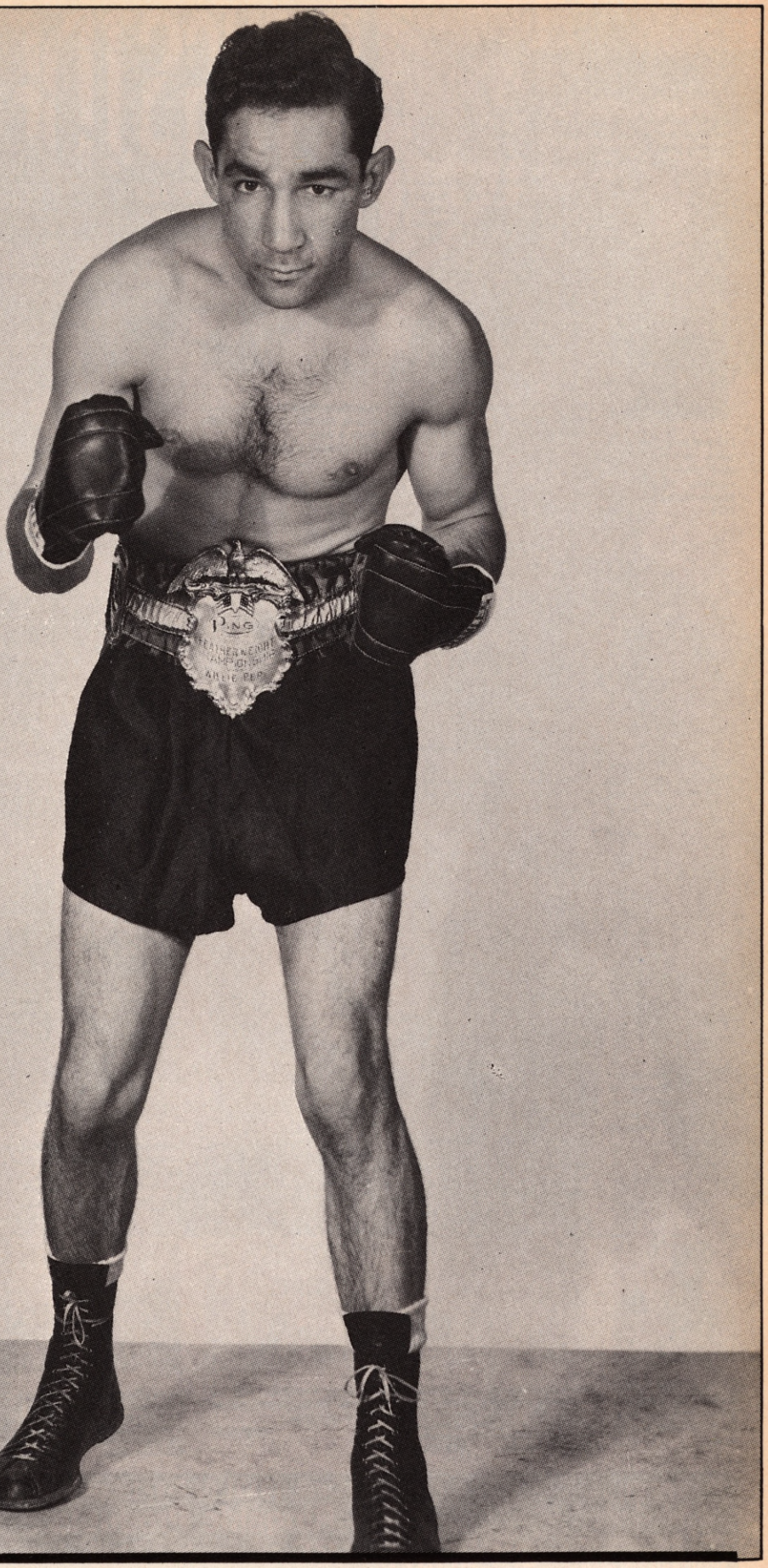
When Hazzard succeeded Walcott as commissioner, Smoger remembers he told a gathering of officials, "If you think you can treat this as a part-time job, there's the door."

He'll get no argument from Smoger.

"There are 35,000 attorneys in New Jersey," he beamed. "But only 11 referees." □

LEGENDS OF The RING

Willie Pep



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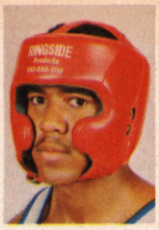

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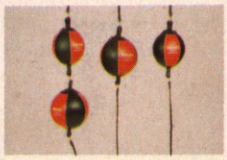

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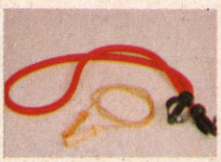

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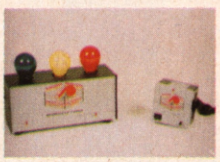

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